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(1914-1918.)

BRADSTREET—In loving memory of Captain Gerald Edmund, R.E., 13th Division, 72nd Field Company, who fell in Gallipoli, December, 1915. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, Lady Bradstreet, Algiers.

DENNIS—December 19, 1918—In loving remembrance of Richard Thomas Dennis (Tom), Second Lieutenant, R.I. Rifles, only son of Richard Dennis, late of Balbriggan.

"And with the morn those angel-faces smile
Which we have loved long since and lost awhile."

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON—November 12, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson, Mount Erris, Boyle, a daughter.

ST. JOHN-COLEMAN—December 16, 1927, at 45 Lower Leeson street, to Mr. and Mrs. St. John-Coleman, 41 Belgrave square, Rathmines, a son.

MARRIAGES.

KOE and BELL—December 15, 1927, in London, Major-General Frederick William Brooke Koe, of Youghal Lodge, Nenagh, to Emmeline Dorothea, daughter of the late Reginald Somers Yorke, of Dame Lys, Watlington, Oxon.

PALMER and HOG—December 17, 1927, in London, quietly, owing to mourning, by the Rev. George F. Macleod, M.C., B.A., Flight Lieutenant Charles Dudley Palmer, Royal Air Force, son of the late Major D. C. Palmer, of Clonlost, County Westmeath, and of Mrs. Palmer, 69 Courtfield Gardens, London, to Catherine Ann, only daughter of Ralph Hughes-Buller, C.I.E., C.B.E., and Mrs. Hughes-Buller, 83 Iverna Court, London, W. 8.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

BEHAN—December 18, 1927, at Mater Hospital, Michael Behan, aged 78 years, late of 8 Merrion road, Dublin. Deeply regretted by his son, relatives, and friends. R.I.P. Funeral (private) from Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, December 20th, to Glasnevin. No flowers.

BOARDMAN—December 18, 1927, at his residence, 82 Drumcondra road, Dublin, John Boardman, at an advanced age. R.I.P. Funeral private.

BROPHY—December 18, 1927, at the Mater Hospital, Denis Brophy, ex-Head Constable R.I.C., aged 87 years. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin from Gardiner street Church to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass.

CARLISLE—December 17, 1927, at Church Place, Dromore, County Down, Dr. Samuel Burns Carlisle, J.P. Deeply regretted. Funeral to First Dromore Presbyterian Church Burial Ground to-morrow (Tuesday), 20th inst., at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

COYNE—December 18, 1927, suddenly, at 7 Palmerston Villas, Upper Rathmines, Elizabeth Frances Steell, only daughter of the late Bernard Coyne, M.D., of Cavan. "Sleeps in Jesus." Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

DOYLE—December 17, 1927, at his residence, Kilanerin, Gorey, James Doyle. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing widow and family. R.I.P. Funeral this (Monday) morning to family burial ground, after Office and High Mass, at 11 o'clock, in Kilanerin Church.

EDWARDS—December 17, 1927, James J. Edwards, late Bushfield Nursery, Donnybrook, in his 84th year. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), 2 p.m., from Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, to Dean's Grange.

GILBERT—December 18, 1927, at her residence, Clondaw, Ferns, Sarah, wife of the late James Gilbert, Clondaw, aged 82 years. Funeral leaving for Kilcormac Cemetery to-morrow (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock.

GYVES—December 17, 1927, at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, Esther Mary (Essie), eldest and dearly-loved daughter of Michael and Frances Gyves, of Haylands House, Blessington, aged 21 years. Funeral by motor, leaving the hospital at 1 o'clock to-day (Monday) for Blessington Churchyard. "Thine for ever, God of Love."

HENDERSON—December 18, 1927, at 19 Quinsborough road, Bray, County Wicklow, Frederick William Henderson, third son of the late John Henderson, Ardmore, Athy. "Severed only till He come." Funeral private.

HICKEY—December 15, 1927, at her residence, 9 Albert road, Sandycove, County Dublin, after a brief illness, Frances Hickey, elder daughter of the late John Hickey, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare. Very deeply regretted by her nieces and nephews. "Peace, perfect peace." Interred in Dean's Grange Cemetery.

JONES—December 13, 1927, at his residence, 55 Canadian avenue, Catford, London, S.E. 6, Francis David (Frank), aged 27 years, dearly-beloved youngest son of George W. and Mary Jones, late of No. 1 Leinster terrace, Kingstown, County Dublin. Deeply regretted.

LANDERS—December 18, 1927, at St. Andrew's, Westland Row, Dublin, the Very Reverend William Landers, Adm. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

McCORMICK—December 16, 1927, at St. Michael's Ladies' Home, Drumcondra, Mary, relict of the late Matthew McCormick, Palace terrace, Fairview. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at 9.30 this (Monday) morning. Funeral afterwards to Glasnevin Cemetery.

McKEON—December [illegible], 1927, at his father's residence, Mount Eagle, Crumlin road, James McKeon, aged 23. Funeral after 10 o'clock Mass this (Monday) morning from Dolphin's Barn Chapel.

MAHER—December 17, 1927, at Saulstown, Whitehall, James Maher, aged 70 years. Office and High Mass at 11 o'clock this (Monday) morning. Funeral immediately after.

MATTHEWS—December 17, 1927, in Dublin, of pneumonia, Caroline M. Matthews, of Derryvunlan, Woodford, Co. Galway. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), 9.30, at Mount Jerome.

PARKER—December 17, 1927, at his residence, Castlecomer, Joseph D. Parker. Deeply regretted by his family. Funeral to-day (Monday), 2 p.m.

PIERSE—December 17, 1927, at Mount George, Wexford, Johanna Mary, dearly-beloved wife of Dr. Thomas Pierse, senior, Mount George, Wexford. R.I.P. Funeral to Crosstown to-day (Monday), 19th December, after High Mass and Office, 11 a.m.

REID—December 18, 1927, suddenly, at his residence, Criede Lodge, Ballybay, County Monaghan, George Reid, in his 78th year. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock to Aughnamullen Church.

RICHARDSON—December 16, 1927, at her residence, Craigentemple, Portrush, Marian Elizabeth Richardson.

WILSON—December 12, 1927, Joseph Wilson, Pettigo, Co. Donegal, in his eightieth year (native place Carnreagh, Hillsborough, Co. Down). Interred Pettigo Churchyard. Psalm 23, 4.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. MacGarvie and family desire to thank all friends who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement.

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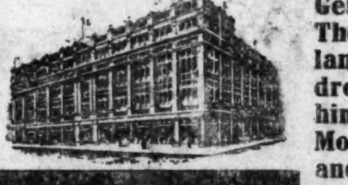

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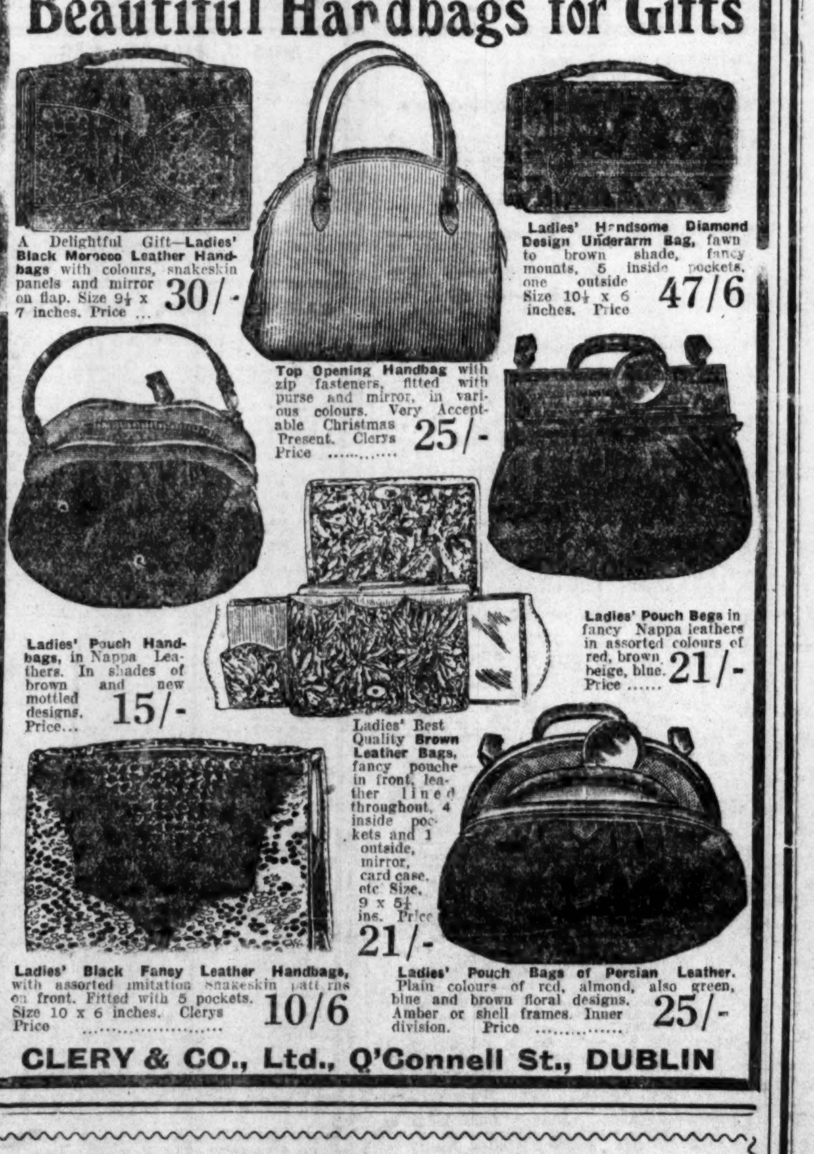

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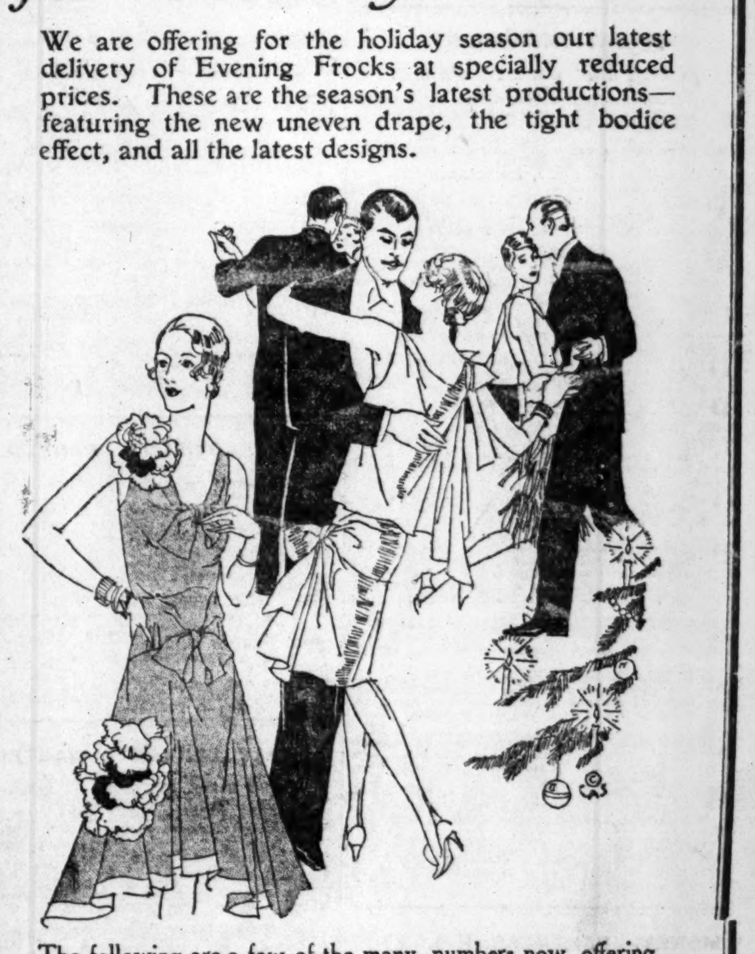

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DUBLIN S.P.C.A.

At the weekly meeting of the Committee of the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held at 29 South Frederick street, Dublin, Mr. F. O. Lyons presided. Also present:—Miss Hillas, Miss Tuckey, Mr. F. S. Roberts.

Twenty-two cases were reported by the Inspectors during the week and eight convictions.

The following subscriptions were received:—Mrs. Smith (Nenagh), £1; Miss Cosgrave, 5/-; Miss Fletcher Moore, £1; Mrs. Beattie, 10/-; Mrs. Pearson, £2 2/-; Miss Lucas, £1; Anderson, Stanford and Ridgeway, 5/-; Miss S. Bradstreet, 5/-; J. Byrne, 5/-; Mrs Costelloe, 5/-; S. R. Goff, 5/-; Mrs. Rice, 5/-.

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DERRY RELIEF APPLICANTS.

When the Londonderry Guardians on Saturday last were considering applications for outdoor relief it was stated that one of the applicants was working five days a week at the Banagher Waterworks and carrying on the business of a dealer on the sixth.

Referring to the case of a hawker with a family of four who applied for relief, Alderman Blair said that these hawkers were making a small fortune.

No action was taken.

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

Suggestions for Gifts.

DEAR PAULINE,—As the carol singers are outside my window, my letter this week (written to the accompaniment of the commemoration of the song of the angels to the shepherds) must necessarily be very full of Christmas gossip.

The eighty-year-old custom of sending Christmas cards, though not so general as in pre-war days, still remains popular, and it certainly is nice to remember, and be remembered by, friends in all parts of the world at this time of the year. But, apart from the social point of view, the heavy posts at Christmas time afford many of the unemployed the chance of temporary jobs in the post offices. Therefore, the habit should be encouraged by all who can afford the luxury of card-sending.

Christmas gifts also give extra employment for months before the shopping season begins. The shops look beautiful at present, and are so well stocked with novelties that present-choosing is not a very difficult matter.

Gifts should seek, however, to indicate friendship rather than an abundance of wealth, especially when the recipient is one of those lucky people who are already endowed with the world's necessities. Above all, a gift should be appropriate; an unsuitable gift brings a cold, casual air with it, and gives very little pleasure either to the donor or recipient.

Shopping for the nursery folk is the easiest and jolliest of all, and an afternoon spent in any of the stores will show that, luckily for Santa Claus, the cost of living is really "down" in toyland. This year's toys fascinate grown-ups almost as much as the little people. For a modest 5s. you can buy the most enchanting velvety rabbit, pup, kitten or squeaking pig for the year-old member of the household. For the girls there are felt dollies, whose dainty dresses, coats and hats might well be coveted by their little owners. These unbreakable dolls are more expensive than their china sisters, but they live longer. Dolls' houses and all their fittings, gramaphones and nursery records, sewing machines—which really stitch quite well—motor lorries, trains and trucks are all within the scope of the average pocket, while one of the newest toys of exceptional educational value for boys or girls is Kliptiko. It is invaluable for those wet days, when active hands demand something to do. Sets can be bought from a couple of shillings upwards.

Fitted sewing-bags, nightie cases, hanky sachets, blouse cases, mocassins and all kinds of trinkets make it easy to purchase for "Mother" and "Her." But lots of hard thinking is entailed in selecting for "Father" and "Him.' What about these new walking sticks with a torch fitted in the handle? Avoid ties and hankies unless you are very sure of the wearer's taste. Gloomy faces often surmount those brilliant "Christmas-present ties."

Personally, I like to have, even for my smallest gift, some dainty little luxury that would not be purchased in the ordinary way. Do not forget that a "surprise" present doubles its value at sight. In many cases the "what to give" difficulty is overcome by giving "something for the house." This form of present is easily chosen. Linen is always acceptable, while curtains, cushions, pouffes, electric fittings and shades are more wonderfully beautiful than ever. Old brass can be very useful as well as ornamental. Glass seems to be rivalling silver in popularity, while the potteries are turning out most cheery specimens of modern china.

Lalique glass is essentially twentieth century—a little French friend of mine has just presented me with one of his amazingly engraved shallow flower bowls. It is so frail in appearance that it seems as if a breath would blow it away, but its beauty tempts me to use it more frequently than is quite wise

At all events, no matter whether the gift is big or small, it should be bought early this week, and not left until all the nicest things are bought up and the residue tossed on Christmas Eve.

When the presents are all arranged for, the housewife has to prepare her home for the festive season. The custom of decorating with holly and ivy is dying out in town houses, where wonderful things are achieved in decoration with rolls of shaded crêpe paper. It is well to note that, should festoons be required, the paper should be cut into strips before it is unrolled. Beautiful ready-to-hang decorations can be bought, but they are more expensive and less fun. In any case, no matter whether the decorations be old, new or nil, the house itself should be fresh and shining with a beckoning spirit of welcome for all, and plenty of bright Yule-tide cheer to eclipse the sad shadows which are so apt to intrude at these most festive times.

Thank you so much for the useful hint sent me in your letter of the 12th inst. re the sending of fresh flowers for Christmas to friends abroad. Do not you think that it is an excellent idea of the local florists?

The British Legion (Women's Central Branch) have sold, and are still selling, tickets at sixpence each for the raffle of two tickets value 25s. for the British Legion Bal Masque, to be held early in January. All my dancing friends have tickets. I have optimistic feelings about my number, but will not know my fate until the 3rd of January, 1928, when the *Irish Times* will publish the winning number.

To you, Pauline, and to all readers of "Woman and Her Home," I send my best wishes for a merry Christmas and everything good in 1928.—Yours, with love,

MARY.

SANTA CLAUS.

HE comes to us from the past, this Father of Christmas-tide, to tell us of the secret mysteries of giving.

Wrapped in his magic cloak of mystery he travels unseen through the realms of nursery land, leaving for each tiny citizen the gift he most desires.

So to the grown-up world is revealed the secret of the perfect gift—a generosity which seeks no personal thanks, a thoughtful study of the needs and longings of another.

There are unimaginative people to be found to-day who are anxious to banish Santa Claus, so beloved in nursery lore, from our practical, modern world; thus ignoring the fact that in his survival we find merely the impersonation of a famous saint of ancient times.

The origin of the gifts of Santa Claus centres round the story of St. Nicholas. It was Christmas Eve, and St. Nicholas wishing to make the best possible use of a fortune inherited from his father took three golden balls and wandered forth through the sleeping city of Myra. As he walked through the silent city there came to his ears through an open window the sound of the crying of children. Pausing to listen he learned the cause of their distress. It appeared that a father, anxious to save the rest of his family from starvation, had made known his decision to sell his three little girls in the slave market on the morrow.

Quietly through the open window St. Nicholas tossed his balls of gold, then as quietly crept away, not wishing to be praised for his deed of love.

This incident guided his line of action. By day he wandered through the city seeking to discover the needs of its citizens; by night he mysteriously visited the home in need of help, casting through the open window, to the foot of the bed within, his gift of a ball of gold.

But the mysterious giver could not hope for ever to conceal his identity. The finders of the mysterious gifts were heard to whisper: "St. Nicholas must have paid us a visit."

It was a short step to substitute the name of Santa Claus for that of the old saint, for the words are merely a corruption of the ancient name.

So on 6th December, St. Nicholas' Day, the children write their yearly letter to a mysterious Santa Claus, telling their baby desires and needs, their dreams of the Christmas gifts they most desire for themselves and for each other.

With the legend of St. Nicholas ringing in our ears, who can shut out from the wonderland of childhood the joys which only Santa Claus can bring?

A.R.F.

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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

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Turkeys, carps, hops, pickerel and beer,
Came into England all in one year—

instead of solving the question, only makes confusion worse confounded. What poetical quality the author lacked, he certainly indulged in poetical licence without compunction. Both carp and pike were served at the Coronation banquet of Henry VI. Anyhow, the authority of the old rhyme regarding the advent of the turkey into England is clearly not trustworthy.

During the reign of Henry VIII the turkey, as an exquisite eatable, was much in vogue, for Tusser enumerated turkey well dressed among the English good cheer that smoked on the farmer's table.

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G. G.

SOME HINTS FOR THE COOK.

FLAKY PASTRY FOR MINCE PIES.

General Rules.—(1) Keep everything as cool as possible. (2) Handle as little as possible. (3) Fat must be evenly distributed throughout the flour. (4) Subject to greatest heat at first.

Ingredients.—½ lb. flour, 6 ozs. lard and butter mixed, pinch salt, cold water (about 1 gill), ½ teaspoonful lemon juice.

Method.—Mix the lard and butter together. Divide into flour. Rub one part into the flour, to which pinch of salt is added. Add lemon to the water, and mix to an elastic dough. Turn out on to a board and work lightly. Roll out, place one part of the butter and lard on in little pats. Flour lightly, fold in three, seal the open edges with the rolling pin. Turn the pastry, so that the sealed edges are to and from one. Roll out again. Proceed similarly with the rest of the shortening. Set pastry aside for half an hour in a cool place. Roll out twice more, in all giving five rollings. Use as required.

MINCE PIES.

Ingredients.—½ lb. flaky pastry. (Mincemeat Recipe given in November.)

Method.—Make the flaky pastry and roll out thinly, cut into rounds, and line the required number of "patty" tins, fill with mincemeat and cover with another round of pastry, brush with egg, and bake in a hot oven for ten minutes, then in a more moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

CHOOSING THE TURKEY.

Turkeys when young have short spurs and smooth black legs; when the legs are pale, or reddish and rough, and the spurs long, these marks may be taken as sure indications of age. When freshly killed the eyes should be full and bright. The cock bird is usually selected for roasting, and the hen for boiling.

ROAST TURKEY.

Ingredients.—1 turkey, 1-2 lbs. of sausage meat, 1 to 2 lbs. of veal forcemeat, 2 or 3 slices of bacon, 1 pint of good gravy, bread sauce, fat for basting.

Method.—Prepare and truss the turkey. Fill the crop with sausage meat, and put the veal forcemeat inside the body of the bird. Skewer the bacon over the breast, baste well with hot fat and roast in a moderate oven from 1¾ to 2¼ hours, according to age and size of the bird. Baste frequently, and about twenty minutes before serving remove the bacon to allow the beast to brown. Remove the trussing strings, serve on a hot dish, and send the gravy and bread sauce to table in sauce boats.

VEAL FORCEMEAT.

Ingredients.—½ lb. breadcrumbs, ¼ oz. suet (chopped), 3 teaspoonfuls parsley (chopped), ½ teaspoonful sweet herbs, ½ lemon rind (grated), salt, pepper, cayenne, 1 egg, little milk.

Method.—Mix all the dry ingredients together, and moisten with the egg and milk

SAGE AND ONION STUFFING.

Ingredients.—4 large onions, ¼ lb. breadcrumbs, 1½ ozs. fat, 1 teaspoonful sage, salt, pepper. Milk or egg to bind.

Method.—Parboil and chop the onions, mix the ingredients together, season well, and bind with egg or milk.

CHESTNUT FORCEMEAT

Ingredients.—¼ lb. chestnuts, 2 ozs. beef suet (chopped), ¼ lb. crumbs, ¼ lb. sausage meat, salt, pepper.

Method.—Score the chestnuts with a sharp knife, and put into a frying pan with ½ oz. butter. Shake over the fire for two or three minutes, remove skin and peel. Pass them through a mincing machine, add the other ingredients, and mix well together. Season.

BREAD SAUCE.

Ingredients.—2 ozs. breadcrumbs, ½ pint milk, 6 peppercorns, ¼ blade mace, ½ onion, 1 oz. butter, seasoning, 2 tablespoonfuls cream.

Method.—Simmer the onion, peppercorns, and mace in the milk till well flavoured. Strain, add the crumbs and butter, and cook gently till the crumbs have absorbed milk. Add seasoning. Cream may be added to enrich.

GRAIN CROPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

The estimated average yield of the wheat crop in Northern Ireland in 1927 is 19.1 cwt. per statute acre, as against 19.9 cwt. in 1926 and 18.0 cwt. in the ten years' period 1917 to 1926. The estimated average yield of the oat crop in 1927 is 17.8 cwt. per statute acre, as against 18.3 cwt. in 1926 and 16.2 cwt. in the ten years' period 1917 to 1926. The estimated average yield of the barley crop in 1927 is 18.8 cwt. per statute acre, as against 18.6 cwt. in 1926 and 17.3 cwt. in the ten years' period 1917 to 1926.

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The St. Columba Slate Club, Derry, on Saturday last disbursed over £3,000 to its 2,000 members, each of whom received £1 10s. 5d.

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Last Saturday evening a fire occurred in the premises of Messrs. John Shuley and Co., wholesale stationers and colour printers, Stafford street Dublin. The Central Section of the Fire Brigade, with Captain Power in charge, found on arrival that some brown paper bales were burning, and had the fire put out in less than half an hour.

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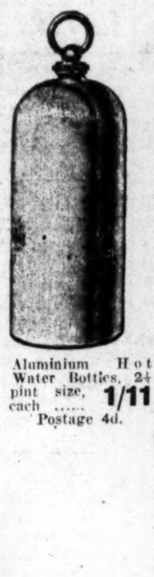

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

WE hear a good deal at the present day of the spirit of things and places. The spirit of Locarno, for instance, is frequently referred to, and it is well in a material age to arrive at a spiritual outlook. What is this spirit of Christmas that infects all Christian-professing people with a sense of joy and happiness, and brings about feelings of good-will and generosity more than at other times?

It is generally conceded to be the children's season, and rightly so, as it commemorates the birth of the Wonderful Child, and thus on the children of to-day are centred the chief gifts and pleasures of the time, which doubtless in years to come invests the sacred anniversary with memories of happy hours and wondrous gifts, which have been passed on from one generation to another and so accounts why young and old rejoice together at the sound of the name of Christmas. It is a truly wonderful thought that all over the world at this season the spirit of Christmas is abroad, under warm skies, in icy regions, in lonely places of the earth, or in crowded cities, wherever a follower of the Master dwells, his birthday is remembered, and attempts made to celebrate it in proper fashion. It is well that it is so, that the toiler should cease even for a brief moment, and "the men of strife" halt "to hear the angels sing."

Even to those to whom the season does not altogether appeal there is a general air of good feeling and an opening of the heart of charity that is all for the benefit of human nature. The giving and receiving of gifts, the thoughts of adding some comfort to many who can make no return, lessens the stern rule of ordinary daily life. Nor must the pleasures of the table be forgotten; for as we are bidden "to use hospitality one toward another," so likewise a preacher has reminded us that the good fare of the season is part of the Christmas message.

A. P.

ROYAL CHRISTMASES.

EVER since England became a Christian land, her kings, whether Saxons, Danes, or Normans, delighted in holding stately revelry at Christmas.

Alfred the Great decreed that the festival should extend from Christmas Eve to Twelfthtide.

The Conqueror celebrated his first English Christmas by a blood-stained coronation in the new abbey at Westminster, following up this inauspicious inauguration of his reign by hurrying down to Winchester to seize the abbey there and all its belongings in revenge for the over-active support the Abbot of St. Grimbauld had, naturally enough, given to his nephew Harold.

In 1158 Henry II., celebrating the Christmas festival at Worcester, took the crown from his head and placed it upon the altar, after which he never wore it. But he did not cease to keep Christmas. In 1171 he came to Ireland, where the chiefs of the country displayed a wonderful alacrity in taking the oath of allegiance, and were rewarded by being entertained in a style that astonished them. Finding no place in Dublin large enough to contain his followers, much less his guests, Henry had a house built in Irish fashion of twigs and wattles in the village of Hogges, and there held high revelry during Christmastide, teaching his new subjects to eat crane's flesh and take their part in masques, mummeries and tournaments.

Mary, both before and after her marriage, kept her Christmas in sullen fashion, the halldoor at Hampton Court being continually shut, so that none could enter the precincts of the palace without first explaining their business. Elizabeth kept Christmas after a more cheerful fashion than her sister, but she did open her palace gates much wider.

Succeeding monarchs, like our Royal family to-day, observed Christmas much the same as ordinary English noblemen, dispensing lavish hospitality, bestowing seasonable gifts, and doing works of charity.

G.G.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Monday, December 19.

AN CHUIRT ATHCHOMHAIRC CHOIRIULA (the Court of Criminal Appeal).—In the Supreme Court, at 11 o'clock. Application for leave to Appeal. For Hearing—The Attorney-General v. William O'Neill.

AN CLARATHOIR DO'N PRIMH-BHREITHEAMH (the Registrar to the Chief Justice).—Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Summons, F. B. O'Toole; statement, H. B. Burton. Before Dr. Webb, Assistant Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Gilsenan, a minor; Walker, a minor; Hackett, minors; Dunne, minors. Before Mr. Magohan, at 11 o'clock—Veh. ac., J. Clark and Co.; do., O'Toole.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEEAMHNAIS (the High Court).—In Court 1, at 11 o'clock—Collender v. Collender; Malley v. Beattie and ors.; O'Brien v. O'Brien, 1922-179; Hibernian Bank, Ltd., v. M'Manus; Cleary v. Malone; Ulster Bank, Ltd., v. Arnold. Motions—Fyffe v. Torrens; Barry v. Fleming; Milmo, decd., O'Donnell v. Tunney; Grosart v. Grosart; Palmer v. Fitzmaurice; Harris v. Lambert; Smith, decd., Smith v. Smith; Shelly v. Kenna. Summonses—Belfast Banking Co., Ltd., v. O'Sullivan; Whelan v. Hayden; Co's Act and Columbkille Agricultural and Dairy Society, Ltd.; National Bank v. Kavanagh; Brooks v. Duignan; Gardiner, decd., Nicholls v. Lees; Farrelly v. Smyth; Avison v. National Bank, Ltd.; Co's Act and O'Loughlin, Murphy and Boland, Ltd.; M'Mahon v. Dowling; Russell, decd., Russell v. Lomex; M'Auliffe and Tree. Act, 1893; Byrne v. Byrne; Cronin v. Lynch; Roe v. M'Mullan; O'Brien, decd., Owens v. Downey; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Sheridan; S.L.A. and Pest. For Tuesday, 20th December—M. Collins, decd., Liston v. Collins; Dowling v. Mullins and Trustee Act, 1893; Laffan v. Ryan; Co's Acts and Dublin and Lucan Electric Railway Co. Motions—Hurley v. Hurley; De La Hunt v. O'Neill; Bourns v. Clarke; Stoney v. Casey; Lynch v. Bannon. Summary Summonses—Mallon v. Reilly; Stapleton v. O'Connor; Irwin v. Leary; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Cummins; same v. Mulligan; Royal Bank v. Campbell; same v. Glynn; Clarke v. Bartley; Hibernian Bank v. Gilden; Ulster Bank v. Feehan; Royal Bank v. Hanna; National Bank v. Hand; V. and P. Act, Ridge and O'Connell; Dwyer v. Smyth; Cuddihy v. Brownrigg; Toroney v. M'Auley.

IN COURT No. 4.—For Wednesday, 21st December, at 11 o'clock. Motion—Larkin v. O'Gorman; inquiry for next of kin (part made)—Mulhern v. Clery.

MAISTIR NA hARD-CHUIRTE (the Master of the High Court).—Before the Master, at 2.30 o'clock. Motions of Course. Summary Summonses—Royal Bank of Ireland v. Donegan; same v. Loftus; same v. Ashmore; same v. Little; Kelly v. Valentine; Keane v. Reidy; Hibernian Fire and Insurance Co. v. Assurance Co's Act, 1909; De la Hunt v. Lawlor; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Jeffers; Dunne v. Collins; Mallon v. Reilly; Fegan v. M'Clelland; Abbey v. Kiernan; Lambe v. Kennedy; Irish Butter, etc., Association v. Roche; Hood v. Buckley; Pappin v. Wayte, Bros., Ltd.; Murray v. Robinson; Morris, Ltd., v. Murphy; Joyce v. Gamestophone, Ltd.; Regan v. O'Connor; Collins v. M'Caffery; Egan v. O'Connor; Cussen v. Naughton. On Notice—Judd v. Murray; Wilson v. Maunsell; same v. Bank of Ireland.

OIFIG AN SCRUDORA (the Examiners' Office).—Mr. Dickinson (Room 74), at 11 o'clock. Applications for Directions—Joseph Dolan, from 5th inst.; Garrett v. Semple; Downes v. Naughton, from 8th inst.; Edmund Foley, from 12th inst.; Glynn v. O'Connor and or.; National Bank, Ltd., v. Edie. Receiver's Accounts—Downes v. Naughton; Charles D. O'Rorke, from 15th inst.; Sandys v. Lawlor.

OIFIG AN MHAISTIR-MHEASAIREACHTA (the Taxing-Master's Office).—Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—Lyaght, minors, Darley, Orpen and Synnott; De la Hunt, decd., G. D. Fottrell and Son; Glanmore estate and S.L. Acts, Fred Sutton and Co.; Kennedy to Kelly, R. Kelly and Son. Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock—Kelly v. Connick, D. O'Connell; Evans v. Evans, Hamilton and Craig; Hughes, decd., M. M. Kenny; Pender and National Benefit Assurance Co., Porter, Morris and Co.; Stewart v. Leech, Corrigan and Corrigan; Boylan v. Duff, J. F. Smyth; Trustees Ferguson v. Donovan, Darley, Orpen and Synnott; Dunne v. Brett, T. J. Kelly; Castleblayney U.D. Council to Laverty, C. Laverty.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Registrar, at 11 o'clock—Arrangt., veh. ac., Horan and Devine; do., do., ——; do., ac. comp., S. C. Rutherford; Carolan, pr. dts., Scallan and Co.; Brett, pr. dts. and veh., do.; Magee, do., D. and T. Fitzgerald; arrangt., ac. comp., Scallan and Co.; Clavin, pr. dts. and veh., R. Greene and Sons; arrangt., ac. comp., Little and Cullen; Hickey, do., W. V. Seddall; arrangt., pr. dts., S. G. Rutherford; do., ac. comp., J. J. Early; Gallagher, veh. ac., Taylor, Son and Robinson; Kelly, ac. comp., Cox and Co.; Laheen, do., F. J. Allen.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Examiners' Chambers, at 93 Merrion square. Before Mr. Longfield, at 11 o'clock—L. A. M. Uniacke. Before Mr. Brett, at 3 o'clock—Charles Henry Chaytor and ors. (S. 1143), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

AN CHUIRT CHUARDA (the Circuit Court).—Before the Circuit Judge, at Court No. 5, Dublin Castle, at 11 o'clock. Civil Actions—Blackwell v. Hassell; O'Connor v. Medler (equity); Graham v. Hunter (Workmen's Compensation Act); Fagan v. Garland; Farren v. Fitzpatrick; Finegan v. Murray; Governors of St. Patrick's Hospital v. Birmingham. Before the Assistant Circuit Judge, at Dublin Castle. Rent Application—Steede v. Duncan (to be mentioned). Actions—Vereshoyle v. Keiran and anor.; Williams, Ltd., v. Lundoy; McDonald and ors. v. Morrin and ors.; Hogan v. Jones; Halliday v. Sherry. Before the Assistant Circuit Judge—The solicitors in the following cases are requested to attend to-day at the Court of the Assistant Circuit Judge to afford information as to the position of the cases:—Butler v. Love; Brannigan v. Hibernian Insurance Co.; Corrigan v. Healy; Davis v. Cantley; Flynn v. O'Dwyer; Farrell v. D.U. Tram Co.; Hickey v. Irish B. P. Co., Ltd.; Knight v. Lane; Kelly v. McGuinness; Keys v. McGuinness; Larkin (Michael) v. Bowe; Larkin (Marion) v. same; Moylett v. Wheatley; same v. Devlin; McBride (W.) v. Broderick; McBride (P.) v. same; Noyk v. Nolan-Whelan; Pender v. Ennis; Robins v. Mack; Smith and Pearson v. Duff; Suter Campbell Oils, Ltd., v. Cullen; Wagner v. Green; Green v. Wagner.

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WHY A DICTATORSHIP WAS SET UP

BY ANTONIO SERGIO.

(Señor Sergio is a former Minister of Portugal, and the principal director of the "Seara Nova," the leading Lisbon review.)

IT is stated that the three Dictatorships, which have been established in Italy, Spain and Portugal, are to be interpreted as expressions of a common spirit, a sort of wind of anti-parliamentarism and anti-democratic feeling which has been blown across the world. Much as I like these generalisations, truth compels me to say that there is really no common cause for these three Dictatorships. Each has its own explanations, and must be considered on its merits.

If it is true that it was a social question which called forth Fascism in Italy, it was a military question in Spain and a political question in Portugal. President Carmona is not really a Dictator at all, but a delegate; and quite recently we had the spectacle at Lisbon of a lieutenant entering the Chamber where the President was conferring with his Ministers, roundly abusing members of the Government, and indulging in fisticuffs with Ministers. After some hard words, blows, and kicks the lieutenant strolled back through the town without anybody having any authority to arrest him. The spirit of the times acted in a strange fashion then.

SPAIN'S DICTATORSHIP.

As a result of these differences, it is probable that the Portuguese Dictatorship will quickly collapse from its own weakness and the strength of its adversary, the Republican League; while the Spanish Dictatorship may endure for quite a long time yet. Unless I am mistaken, the present Government of Spain is really an episode in the Moroccan campaign. Let me explain. Towards the middle of 1923 the brave General Sylvester, Commandant of Melilla, conceived the idea of an offensive against the Moroccans, which should bring to a close the campaign in the Riff, so difficult and so unpopular in the country. He took the liberty of starting this campaign on July 23rd without informing the High Commissioner of Morocco or the Government, including the Minister of War. Unfortunately, his plan miscarried, and the General elected not to survive his defeat.

Public opinion was deeply moved, and sought to apportion the responsibility. The Ministry fell, declaring that all this had happened without its knowledge, and a Commission of Inquiry was appointed, under the Presidency of General Picazzo. He had the interesting but lamentable idea of taking his task seriously, and his report to the Chambers, which unveiled mysteries, whose sacredness I shall respect, created such an embarrassment that it was decided to have recourse to the convenient principle of "reasons of State," and to allow the spirit of the times to have free play, provided it would sweep away this embarrassing question. It must be admitted that this was quite a practical idea, and that the person selected to incarnate the spirit of the times was admirably chosen.

General Primo de Rivera, in fact, was well liked, and deserved to be, not only because, like Alphonso XIII., he is a charming person, but because he had always been a partisann of the abandonment of the Morocco campaign, a project very much favoured on a high moral note. there was proclaimed the necessity of closing the Chambers, and putting an end to the turpitude of professional politicians. Needless to say, in the midst of this high enterprise of sanctification and salvation, the report of General Picazzo was forgotten.

TWO SOVEREIGNS.

The Directory concentrated all the power in its hands. It declared that six months would be sufficient for moralising politics, and that at the end of that time it would hand back the Government of the nation to the civilians. Meanwhile, it consolidated its position, set up a Ministry, and organised its own political party under the name of National Union. To-day the country gives the impression of having, so to speak, two sovereigns over the Executive—the King and the Directory.

The National Assembly, which has been opened, must not be regarded as a Parliament, its members being rather a sort of honorary bureaucrats and amateurs. In his recent manifesto, Senor Sanchez Guerra, chief of the Conservative Party since the death of Eduardo Dato, pointed out that, according to one of the Government journals, the Assembly meant the definite abolition of the constitutional *régime* and the Parliament. It would mean conferring a permanent character on the Dictatorship, which had been solemnly declared at its outset to be purely transitional. Spain, in fact, would appear before the world as a country conquered by its own Army.

By this manifesto, the appearance of which coincided with the voluntary exile of its distinguished author, the latter grouped round himself the forces hostile to the Dictatorship. He seems to have decided to go all the way and separate himself absolutely from the Monarchy. On this point certain critics reproach him with not having been absolutely clear, and having displayed some restraint out of regard for the Throne and the King, whom he has nobly served.

General Primo de Rivera published a reply to this manifesto in the papers, without allowing them to insert the manifesto itself, or permitting its free circulation. He has been accused of unfairness in this respect, but his reply must be admitted to be clever. It affected an absolute moderation of tone, paid tribute to the high political and moral character of his adversary, and endeavoured to show that Senor Sanchez Guerra had deceived himself on the nature of the Assembly, which should be taken to mean that the Dictatorship had commenced voluntarily to tear its own garments, and almost place a time limit on its activities.

THE LIBERAL OPPOSITION.

The Liberal Opposition has, perhaps, been somewhat strengthened by these latest events, but the problem is too complex, and the information that reaches us is too contradictory to permit a precise idea of the prospects of the situation.

In 1926 Spain left the League of Nations because she was refused a permanent seat on the Council. As we know, among the countries with non-permanent seats three may be re-elected. The Great Powers, in refusing Spain the permanent place for which she asked, promised to do their best to obtain her re-election. She refused and retired. I think we may describe this idea of abandoning Geneva at the very moment when Spain showed wider ambitions in the realm of international politics as an unfortunate one.

We may say that to-day the Directory is older ad wiser, and we may see the return of Spain to Geneva. It does not seem to us very probable, however, that she will be able to gain her way either in the matter of a permanent seat or for her ideas of last year on the subject of Tangier. Since his interview with Sir Austen Chamberlain, General Primo seems more accommodating on this last point. As for the situation at the League of Nations, it does not seem likely that the number of permanent seats will be increased; we seem rather to be moving towards a restriction of the absolutism, if I may say so, of the principle of permanence.

Moreover, the experience of Belgium this year, which has not been able to get re-elected, in spite of the good-will of the Great Powers, is sufficient to shake one's faith in the efficacy of their good-will in securing the re-election of a candidate. The place which Spain will obtain threatens, in spite of present appearances, to be a narrower one than that which was offered her in 1926. Contrary to the Gospel story, this prodigal son may not find at Geneva such a reception as would have been assured him if he had remained more constant to the League in its difficult work.

ORDINATIONS IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

An ordination was held by Dr. Gregg, the Archbishop of Dublin, yesterday in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. The following were ordained:—Deacons—The Rev. William Cecil Gibbon Proctor, B.A., for the curacy of All Saints', Grangegorman, and the Rev. John Bradley Hazley, M.A., for the curacy of Portarlington; priest, the Rev. Charles Frederick Allen, B.A., curate of St. Werburgh's. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Moeran, M.A., Professor of Pastoral Theology in Trinity College.

The candidates were presented by the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Rev. H. B. Kennedy, B.D.

The modern Press is the eyes, the ears, and the voice of the modern democratic State.—Mr. A. M. McCurdy, K.C.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

President Cosgrave's Visit to America: The Prince of Wales as Speaker: Reminiscences of the Irish "Civil War": The Unemployment Commission: A Wicklow Bride.

President Cosgrave, who is going to America next month with Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, is at present taking a holiday. His decision has been prompted by strict medical orders, and, at his doctor's behest, he has cut himself off completely from the worries of his onerous office. I hear that he is forbidden to have any communication whatever with Government Buildings, and that neither letters nor telephone calls will be allowed to reach him. Happily, the President's health is better at present that it has been for many a day; but his medical advisers have insisted that he shall have a real rest. He does not propose to leave Dublin before he sails for America, but will spend his holiday in riding and walking—his two favourite pastimes.

MR. COSGRAVE.

The President has a good seat on a horse, and is a frequent follower of the Hillside Harriers and the Ward Union Staghounds. Several attempts have been made to persuade him to take up golf; but so far they have been unsuccessful. He has a very nice place at Templeogue, and is to be seen often playing in the grounds with his flaxen-haired little boys, Liam and Micheal. No Minister works harder than the President. For months on end he is to be found in his office, morning, noon and night, and, while his immediate assistants and colleagues hold him in very deep affection, they will not be sorry that he has taken a rest at last. He is a most considerate chief; but his almost gluttonous appetite for work keeps all round him constantly on the go; and civil servants are only human beings, after all.

Entering the United States.

As a "distinguished stranger" President Cosgrave probably will be taken ashore on a tug when the liner reaches New York and landed at "the Battery," within sight of the Free State trade offices occupied by Mr. Lindsay Crawford at the bottom of Broadway. He will thus escape the three inspections that have to be undergone by less celebrated visitors to the States—by a doctor, by a Customs officer, and by the immigration authorities. When I went to America last autumn I found none of the "ordeals" very terrifying, but my disarming smile satisfied the authorities that I was not an Anarchist—which is one of the questions upon which every stranger has to answer. I wonder if any Anarchist has ever answered in the affirmative?

A Lucky Snapshot.

The rebuilding of Upper Sackville street, Dublin, is proceeding slowly. As soon as the building on the site of the Hamman Hotel is completed, I understood that work will be commenced on the opposite side, where the Edinburgh Hotel stood and on the site next door to it. During the "civil war" I had the unique experience of making my way from Parnell street through holes in the interior walls of the buildings down as far as the Commercial Catholic Club. At that time the anti-Government forces occupied the buildings on the other side, from Bridgemann's Corner (known for some time afterwards as Dead Man's Corner) down to Cathedral lane, and they kept up a continuous fire on the opposite edifices which I was exploring in company with an officer and soldiers of the Free State Army. I entered through Mooney's public-house in Parnell street, which was held by the Government troops, with the doors strongly barricaded and climbed up the spiral staircase until I came out behind the half-finished structure now occupied by the Provincial Bank of Ireland. In a front room which one entered by crawling along the floor a Lewis gunner was exchanging leaden compliments with the people over the way, and the bare, white-washed walls were pockmarked with testimonials to the accuracy of the opposition's markmanship. I managed to get a fairly good photograph of the Gresham Hotel, with its mattress-barricade windows, by balancing the camera on the jacket of the Lewis gun.

The Ubiquitous Correspondent.

Some of the "enemy" were in the building now occupied by Siemens-Schuckert as a little party of the Free State soldiers found out when they bored their way into the Catholic Club next door and, proceeding downstairs, peeped into the back lane. There was only one casualty on our side, however, a superficial hand wound, to which I applied the soldier's first-aid dressing, being sorely put to it to remember the figure-of-eight bandage they had taught me in the ambulance class.

When I got back to the starting-point I found Mr. Hugh Martin, the *Daily News* Correspondent, had also penetrated into the firing line. He has a habit of turning up in unexpected places. A few weeks later, when I was pushing on from Cork to Macroom with a small party of Free State troops, the "other gentlemen," as the country people euphemistically designated them, were in such strong force that a message was sent back to Cork for reinforcements. A couple of lorries of soldiers and an armoured car caught up with us on the afternoon of the second day's march, and the first person I saw descending from the back of the "whippet" was my friend, Hugh Martin.

Irish Music in Germany.

One of the first enthusiasts for the revival and setting of old Irish airs was a German. His name, Carl Hardebecke, will forever be associated with the traditional airs of Galway and Mayo. Now, once again, Germany has bethought her of Irish music, and sent an invitation to an Irishman—Mr. Gerard Crofts—to come and broadcast Irish songs for the first time from Berlin and Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Langeberg. Mr. Crofts left Dublin for Germany on Saturday, and will sing Anglo-Irish and Gaelic songs, which he will give in the original.

The best known of these are *Una Bhán* (set to music by Hardebecke), My Lagan Love (words by Joseph Campbell), an Ulster song, and Connaught Street Ballad, collected by Nell Byrne. Two of the Melodies of Thomas Moore are included in the programme, as well as a strange and interesting song called "The Repentance of John Hoare," which appears in the recent publication by Mrs. Clandillon. A Hymn to Ireland, by the late Thomas Ashe, will conclude the programme, of which explanatory notes will be given in German.

Mr. Crofts and his brother, Joseph, have been associated with the Irish musical movement for many years. He has sung each year (with the exception of last year) at the Celtic Congress, and he has broadcasted from Dublin, Cork, Belfast and Scotland. He is particularly well known to musical Celts, whether they be in Highland Scotland, Brittany or Ireland.

Mr. Crofts is a good Gaelic scholar. His father was a Papal Zouave, who had been trained in a military school in Austria, fought against Garibaldi, and later joined the Fenians.

The Prince as a Speaker.

I wrote the other day about the Prince as a shopper; but His Royal Highness is so many-sided in his capacities and qualities that it is not difficult to find something interesting to say of him. For instance, he is much in demand as a public speaker. Neither his father nor his grandfather possessed anything like his popularity in their younger days. Edward VII. was immensely popular in a genial sort of way, and because he was regarded as a very human personality by the man in the street and the sporting crowd. But the wiseacres shook their heads over some of his unconventionalities and doubted what would happen when the Crown came to adorn his brow. Their fears were most happily confuted.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

It is otherwise with the younger Edward. He is popular with the crowd. He is beloved also of the most far-seeing statesman and the staidest citizens. And as a speaker he stands in a place all by himself. When he reads an address he reads it wonderfully well, with clear enunciation and suitable emphasis. But at dinner parties and the less official functions at which I have been present he is simply the competent, unaffected and, very often, the aptly humorous speaker, knowing his subject, understanding his audience, and addressing them, so to say, as man to man.

A Wicklow Bride.

There will be rejoicings in Enniskerry, County Wicklow, next month when the Hon. Doreen Wingfield, only daughter of Viscount and Lady Powerscourt, marries Mr. FitzHerbert Wright. Like all the members of her family, Miss Wingfield is extremely popular in County Wicklow. She is a keen rider to hounds, and takes a deep interest in the life of the people among whom she lives.

MISS D. WINGFIELD.

Lord Powerscourt, probably, is the most popular peer in Ireland. He never is happier than when he is at home at Powerscourt, and his unassuming ways have gained him the real affection of his former tenants, some of whom have told me that when the 1923 Land Act was passed by the Free State Government they would have preferred to remain under Lord Powerscourt, who often spent more on improving their holdings than they paid to him in rent.

Miss Wingfield's brother, Mervyn, who is heir to the title, came of age during the present year. A younger brother, Brian, died a few years ago while he was at school in Scotland. Powerscourt is one of the finest places round Dublin. It is beautifully situated, looking out to the Wicklow Mountains, and its Japanese garden is among the prettiest of its kind in the country.

Life in Canton.

In an amusing letter which I have received from a friend in China, he tells me that in Canton the mothers of the immense population that lives on the river boats have devised an ingenious method of safeguarding the lives of their little ones. On these sampans each tiny tot is secured to the boat by a length of rope to which a pig's bladder is attached. A splash, announcing that one of the kiddies has toppled overboard, does not upset the mother so much, for she knows that the bladder will serve as a lifebuoy until she can spare the time from her household duties to come up and retrieve him.

The Unemployment Commission.

To find a remedy for the unemployment problem in the Free State is the heavy task assigned to the Committee recently appointed by the Government. If any solution of that eternal problem is possible it surely will be found under the *ægis* of Mr. Vincent Rice, K.C., who is proving himself a capable Chairman. This Committee already has had a mass of evidence placed before it, and its members are working like Trojans. Mr. Rice's entry to the Bar was, so to speak, under the portals of the Land Commission Court, over which Mr. Justice, now Sir John, Ross, the last of the Irish Lord Chancellors, presided. For many years he was an official of the Land Commission, and when he joined the Bar among those who gave him practical encouragement were solicitors practising in that Court. It was only within recent years that he was tempted to enter the stormy arena of politics. His first venture as a Parliamentary candidate was made in the South Dublin constituency, which he won as a nominee of the National League. When he again wooed his constituents at the recent general election, as a Government nominee, he was defeated. In his short life in the *Dáil* he quickly won his Parliamentary spurs, and in no quarter was his disappearance more regretted than on the Government benches. A comparatively young man, Mr. Rice, it is hoped, has many years of legal and Parliamentary service before him.

MR. V. RICE, K.C.

Duke Designs Portable House.

To be incapacitated by illness is a rare experience for the Duke of Atholl, and to a man of his restless energy an irritating one. During the South African War, following an ancient Highland custom, he raised a regiment of his own and he had his share of the European War, in which he attained the rank of Brigadier-General. He was mainly responsible for organising the Scottish War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle, admittedly the finest monument of the kind on a large scale and the most picturesquely and appropriately situated. I believe he is now at work on the design of a portable week-end dwelling of great possibilities. The House of Commons knew and liked him as the Marquis of Tullibardine—"Bardy" for short—and that is his name yet among his friends.

Mr. George Fletcher.

What becomes of the Civil Servant when he retires? How does he occupy himself, and what are his pursuits? If he is a man who has, fortunately, cultivated a hobby or two, or is a sportsman, he may be able to content himself and pass his days pleasantly. But if he can take refuge in none of these things; if he is not even a book-lover, how slowly must the twilight years pass, and how grievous must their burden be. These reflections are evoked by the retirement of my friend, Mr. George Fletcher in the prime of his powers and the maturity of his intellectual activity. Happily Mr. Fletcher has troops of friends and many interests to keep him vigilant and fresh in mind and body. He has recovered completely from his recent illness, and got an enthusiastic reception from the Trinity students when he was invested recently with the honorary degree of M.A. of Dublin University—a gracious and well-earned compliment.

MR. G. FLETCHER.

Mr. Fletcher tells me that he has no intention of leaving Ireland. He has been invited to go on a lecturing tour in America, and offers also have been made to him to associate himself with schemes of industrial development. Meanwhile, Mr. Fletcher is wisely resting and recuperating. He is well known throughout Ireland, and is as popular in Cork as in Dublin—which is saying a great deal!

Doctors in Parliament.

Lord Sandhurst's fainting fit in the House of Lords last week was a reminder to that Chamber that it is poorly equipped in medical members. Lord Dawson of Penn, I think, is the only doctor there, and his attendances are necessarily few. But the other House has over a dozen and is seldom at a loss when any of its members is taken ill. As it happened, Lord Sandhurst was attended by Dr. Salter, of Bermondsey, who is a Socialist, and, so far as I know, hardly ever set foot in the hereditary Chamber before. He is one of the few M.P. doctors who are in daily practice, and he can get from his surgery to Westminster in about ten minutes. The doctors have a Parliamentary Committee of their own, and, whatever their political differences, show remarkable unanimity. They include one Minister, Major Walter Elliot, the Scottish Under-Secretary, who is just off on a West African tour.

QUIDNUNC.

SHAKESPEARE AT THE ABBEY.

MR. McMASTER PROMISES A RETURN VISIT.

The Anew McMaster Shakespearean Company brought its fortnight's season at the Abbey Theatre to a close on Saturday night last with fine performances of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Othello." Financially and artistically the venture was a complete success, and proved that there is in Dublin a large playgoing population to support productions of Shakespeare when they are as well done as they were by this company.

There was a great round of applause when, at the conclusion of "Othello" on Saturday night, Mr. McMaster announced his intention of returning to Dublin before he leaves Ireland again. We understand that his programme includes a season in Paris next autumn. A delightful feature of the Abbey performance was the incidental music by Dr. Larchet's orchestra.

THE DEATH OF MR. BERTRAM H. BARTON.

The Council of the Royal Dublin Society, at its last meeting, passed a resolution recording its regret at the death of Mr. Hugh Barton, Vice-President of the Society, and tendering to his wife and family its sincere sympathy.

Similar resolutions were passed by the Society's Committee of Agriculture, the Committee of Science, and Industries, Art and General Purposes Committee.

ARMY BAND RECITAL AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The recital which the No. 1 Army Band gave in the Theatre Royal, Dublin, last night in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the "Old Dublin" Brigade Association enhanced the popularity that this company of accomplished musicians already has established for itself in the city. The attendance was very large, and the continuous applause that followed each of the nine items of a well-chosen programme indicated how highly the audience enjoyed the treat provided.

The band, conducted by Colonel Fritz Brase, made a favourable impression in the overture, "Phedre" (Massenet), and when it had finished a fine performance—the first performance in Dublin the programme informed us—of Walton's "Three Humoresques," the delight of the hearers was manifest. An interesting and pleasing interlude was the singing of Maestro Viani, whose rich tenor voice did full justice to "The Flower Song," from "Carmen" (Bizet), and was none the less pleasing in the songs, "Obstination" (Fantenaille) and "Has sorrow thy young days shaded" (arr. Hughes). It was not surprising that he could not escape insistent encores.

Of the band items, one of the most enjoyed was Irish Fantasia No. 4 (Brase), which gave adequate scope for versatility. Other delightful pieces were:—Grand Fantasia, from the music drama, "Siegfried" (Wagner); "Jupiter," fourth movement from the suite, "The Planets" (Holst); Introduction, 3rd Act and Bridal Chorus from the opera, "Lohengrin" (Wagner), and Hungarian Rhapsodie (Hans von Bulow) (Liszt).

Amongst those attending the recital were Mr. Justice Meredith and Mrs. Meredith and the German and Italian Consuls.

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DUBLIN THEATRES AND CINEMAS.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

The Gaiety Theatre will be closed this week, and will reopen this day week with the pantomime "Robinson Crusoe."

George Formby, jun., is appearing at the Theatre Royal in the comedy revue, "Formby Seeing Life." Jenny Howard, the Four Concords, vocal quartette; The Oiracs, aerobats; and the Ten Grainger Girls, dancers, are in the cast.

Mrs. G. Hill Tulloch and Company present "The Cradle Song," by G. Martinez Sierra at the Abbey Theatre. Miss Jean Nolan will sing a group of cradle songs.

"Balmy Days," a farcical comedy, in three acts, by F. J. O'Hare, will be presented at the Olympia Theatre by the Optimists Comedy Company. In the cast are Etty Byrne, Betty Moloney, Patrick Kavanagh, Morgan Gleeson, Michael Redmond, and Jack J. Mullen.

The principal picture at the Capitol Theatre is entited "Cabaret." Gida Grey, the American dancer, plays a leading part. The second picture is "Safety Last," a comedy film in which Harold Lloyd appears. Alec B. Fryer and his Capitolians, and the Tiller Girls, in "The Gathering of the Clans," complete the programme.

"That's My Daddy" is the attraction at the Metropole Cinema. Dancing by night on the deck of a palatial yacht in Los Angeles harbour is one of the many novel scenes in this romantic story.

"The Blonde Saint," at the Grafton Picture House, relates the adventures of a wealthy society girl who scorns the love of a man whom she believes to be a worthless idler.

"What Price Glory," a war picture, is showing at the Grand Central Cinema.

Reginald Denny in "Out All Night," showing till Wednesday, and "Rex, the Devil Horse," for Thursday till Saturday, make up the programme at the Pavilion Picture House, Kingstown.

"War Paint," which depicts the thrills of ranching among Indians, will be on view at the Carlton Theatre.

"Skinner's Dress Suit," in which Reginald Denny plays a leading part, is to be seen at the Sackville Picture House.

BRITISH MUSICAL PROSPECTS.

FAMOUS SINGER'S OPINION

For the first time in twenty-five years, Mr. John McCormack, the famous singer, is to spend Christmas with his mother and father in Ireland.

"It is going to be one of the happiest occasions in my life," he stated on Saturday at the Mayfair Hotel, London. "I have passed Christmas in many foreign climes since 1902. When as a boy of 18 I last celebrated it with my parents. The applause of all the music lovers in the world could never equal my pleasure at going home. I have had offers, all of them tempting, to pass December 25 in a dozen different lands, but nothing will keep an Irishman from the land of his fathers."

Talking of Britain's musical prospects, he said: "All this talk that British artists are not appreciated in their own country is rot, absolute rot. It is the ambition of every great singer to appear in London, and a London or a Manchester audience can appreciate one's efforts as well as any audience in the world.

"It is only natural, however, that artists should want to market their wares, metaphorically speaking, at the best price. Unfortunately that cannot always be obtained in Britain, simply because the place is not large enough. A good tour here includes a dozen towns or so. In the United States fifty towns would be more like the figure. It is simply that Britain is not big enough, but any suggestion that music here is on the decline is absurd."

Mr. McCormack will return to America soon after Christmas, but will come back to sing at the Albert Hall, London, in June.

The kinema is a great healer of matrimonial disturbances.—Mr. J. A. Cairns.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY

DUBLIN (2RN) 319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Report and Gramaphone Record Recital. **6.0**—Gramaphone Record Recital. **6.15**—Cuir i dTir na n-Og: Fay Sargent, Lily O'Brennan, William Lemass. **7.0**—Gramaphone Concert. **7.30**—Gaedhilg: Máiréad Ní Ghráda, M.A. **7.45**—Talk for Farmers: "Care and Feeding of Pigs," Captain C. J. McCarthy, A.R.C.Sc.I. **8.0**—Station, conducted by Colonel Fritz Brase: Valse Intermezzo (Brase) (MS.), Little Moira—Serenade (Brase) (Birnback), Expressionen—Tango (Brase), Belvedere—Minuet (Brase). **8.30**—P. J. Duffy (baritone): In Questa Tomba (Beethoven), Die Mainacht (Brahms), Weigenlied (Brahms), Like to the Damask Rose (Elgar). **8.45** — Harry O'Donovan, Pat Hayden, Eva Hayden, Eileen Marmion, Eileen Hayden, Willy O'Toole: Pantomime, "Cinderella" (greatly improved). **9.45**—Donnchadh MacCoiligh—Amhrain Ghaolacha: An Searc da dhiultadh (arr. Hughes), 'Dir theorainn Chluain Meala (arr. Dr. A. Brereton), Cailin na gruaige donna (arr. Dr. A. Brereton), Horo, se de bheatha abhaile (arr. Dr. A. Brereton). **10.0**—Traditional Trio. **10.30**—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres (980 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—From London. **3.30**—Radio Quartet. **4.0** — Carlton Orchestra. **5.0** — From London. **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—Organ Recital. **6.30**—From London. **7.45** — Orchestral Concert, relayed from the Grosvenor Hall. Albert Taylor (baritone), Winifred Small (violin), Maurice Cole (pianoforte). Ernest A. A. Stoneley (Leader). Station Symphony Orchestra. **9.0**—From London. **9.35** app.—Concert (continued). **10.15** app.-**11.0**—Dance Music.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres (830 Kc.) and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,604.3 Metres (187 Kc.).

10.30 a.m. (Daventry only)—Greenwich Time and Weather. **11.0** (Daventry only)—Daventry Quartet and Gladys Gould (pianoforte). **12.0**—Daventry Quartet and Dorothy Penn (soprano), Robert Carr (baritone). **1.0-2.0**—An Organ Recital by the Rev. Cyril Jackson, Succentor of Southwark Cathedral, assisted by E. Neville Jackson (violin) (relayed from Southwark Cathedral). **3.0**—Henry Bronkhurst Trio. **4.0**—Dance Band. **5.0** — Household Talk, Miss Helen M. Tress: "Catering for a Children's Party." **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—London Radio Dance Band. **6.20**—Girls and Boys Clubs' Bulletins. **6.30**—Greenwich Time, Weather, and News. **6.45**—London Radio Dance Band. **7.0** — Mr. Desmond MacCarthy: Literary Criticism. **7.15** — Mendelssohn's Piano Works, played by Reginald Pain: Variations in B Flat. **7.25**—Mr. Cherry Kearton: "A Night in the Jungle." **7.45** — Shrewsbury School Concert. **8.15** — Variety: Leslie Weston (entertainer), Julian Rose (Hebrew Comedian), The Brennans (Vocal Duets). **9.0**—Weather and News. **9.15**—Mr. Stanley Casson: "Digging up Old Stamboul." **9.30** (Daventry only)—Shipping Forecast. **9.35-11.0**—"The Ship," a Play in three acts by St. John Ervine, presented by Victor Smythe (from Manchester). **11.0-12.0** (Daventry only)—The Riviera Club Dance Band.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.)

3.0—The London Radio Dance Band, conducted by Sidney Firman; Fred Lewis (impersonations). **4.0**—Lozells Picture House Organ, from Birmingham; Frank Newman (organ), Isabel Tebbs (soprano), Frank Newman, Isabel Tebbs, Frank Newman, Selection from "Faust" (Gounod, arr. Tavan). **5.0**—A Ballad Concert: Aubrey Millward (baritone), Melsa (violin), Angelica Messarosh ('cello). **5.8**—Aubrey Millward. **5.15**—Melsa. **5.22**—Angelica Messarosh. **5.30**—Aubrey Millward. **5.38**—Melsa. **5.45**—The Children's Hour. **6.30**—Time Signal Greenwich; Weather Forecast, First General News Bulletin. **6.45**—The Andrew Brown Quintet, Eleanor Marshall (soprano), Barrington Hooper (tenor). **6.58**—Eleanor Marshall. **7.6**—Barrington Hooper. **7.30**—Eleanor Marshall. **7.38**—Barrington Hooper. **7.48**—Quintet. **8.0**—Haydn and Mozart Music, from Birmingham; Joseph Farrington (bass) and Orchestra, Orchestra. **8.30**—John Armstrong (tenor) and Orchestra. **8.45**—Frank Cantell (violin) and Orchestra. **9.10**—"Winter" (Part IV of Suite, "The Seasons") (Haydn): Soloists: Emilie Waldron, John Armstrong, Joseph Farrington, Chorus and Orchestra. **9.30**—The Salisbury Singers, Victor Watson (double bass). **9.37**—Victor Watson. **9.40**—Victor Watson. **9.54**—Salisbury Singers. **10.0**—Weather Forecast, Second General News Bulletin. **10.15**—Dance Music: Debroy Somers' Ciro's Club Dance Band, under the direction of Ramon Newton, from Ciro's Club. **11.0-11.15**—The Riviera Club Dance Band, under the direction of Harry Josephs, from the Riviera Club.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—326.1 Metres. (920 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **4.0**—Music. **5.0**—London Programme. **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—"The Golden Heart," a Christmas play, presented by the Bournemouth Council of Social Service. **6.20**—From London. **8.15**—Chamber Music. The Station Trio. **8.30**—On the Wings of Song. XI. Old French Songs. Singer, Flora Woodman (soprano). **9.0** — From London. **9.35-11.0** — Elsie Ceram (soprano), Philip Taylor (baritone). Community Singing by members of the Bournemouth and Winton Branches of the British Legion. Station Octet.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres. (780 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.0**—Orchestra. **4.0**—Kate Carlyle (recitations). **4.15**—Orchestra. **5.0**—Anne Lamplough, "Arranging Flowers and their Substitutes—II., Decorating the Diningroom for Christmas." **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—From London. **7.45**—Station Orchestra. Robert Ballantyne (bass). **9.0**—From London. **9.35-11.0**—The Ship, a play in three acts by St. John Ervine, presented by Victor Smythe. Players — Nancy Price, E. H. Bridgstock, Lucia Rogers, Tom Wilson, Hylda Metcalf, W. E. Dickman, Harold Cluff, Amy Eden.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres. (960 Kc.)

2.30—Broadcast to Schools. **3.0**—From London. **4.0**—Music. **5.0**—From London. **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—Station Octet. **6.20**—Radio Bulletin. **6.30**—From London. **7.45** Popular Variety: William Hendry (baritone), Harry Southmore (Mirimba and Vibraphone), Tom Clough (Northumbrian small pipes), Harry Pell (cornet). A Tyneside Sketch—"The Dark Horse," by E. A. Bryan. **9.0**—From London. **9.35-11.0**—From Manchester.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres. (1,010 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **4.0**—Dance Band. **5.0**—Hugh Machell: Carols, with Musical Illustrations. **5.15**—Children. **6.0**—From London. **9.35-11.0**—From Manchester.

GLASGOW (5SC) 405.4 Metres (740 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. **3.15**—Dance Music. **4.0**—Wireless Quintet. Marion MacGregor (contralto). **5.0**—Margery Rhys: "Preparing for Christmas"—II. **5.15**—Children. **5.58**—Weather Forecast for Farmers. **6.0**—Grace Gordon (soprano). **6.30**—From London. **7.45**—Ballads—Old and New. Station Orchestra. Robert Watson (baritone), Vida Vallance (soprano). **9.0**—From London. **9.35**—Hubert Eisdell (tenor). **10.5-11.0**—Christmas Time at Knochendoch, by Helen Mitchell.

TO-MORROW.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.)

3.0—Paul Moulder's Rivoli Theatre Orchestra. **4.0**—The City of Birmingham Police Band. John Thorne (baritone) and Male Chorus. Louis Godowsky (violin). **5.45**—Children. **6.30**—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. **6.45**—London Radio Dance Band. **7.0**—The Brennans (vocal duets). John Henry (Yorkshire comedian). **7.45**—"Rigoletto," an opera in three acts by Verdi (relayed from Manchester). **8.45**—Reading by James Bernard of "Dagobert the Jester" (relayed from Manchester). **9.0**—"Rigoletto" (continued) (relayed from Manchester). **10.0**—Weather and News. **10.15-11.15**—Wireless Military Band. Rispah Goodacre (contralto).

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
MARY CHRISTINA ENNIS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that Mary Christina Ennis, late of Lower Rowe street, Wexford, in the County of Wexford, deceased, who died on the 21st day of July, 1927, by her Will, dated the 5th day of July, 1926, directed her Executors to have a Funeral Office and High Mass, Month's Mind Office, and High Mass, and Anniversary Office and High Mass celebrated for the repose of her soul, and, amongst other legacies, bequeathed the following legacies for charitable purposes To the Abbot, for the time being, of Mount Melleray, County Waterford, the sum of one hundred pounds for Masses to be celebrated in public in Ireland for the repose of her soul and the souls of her deceased relatives; to the Administrator, for the time being, of the Roman Catholic Parish of Wexford the sum of one hundred pounds, to be expended by him in his discretion in having Masses celebrated in the Diocese of Ferns for the repose of her soul and the souls of her deceased relatives; to Rev. John Sinnott the sum of two hundred pounds, to be expended by him on the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe street, Wexford, as he, in his uncontrolled discretion, might think best. And, as to the residue of her estate, the Testatrix bequeathed same to her Executors and Trustees upon trust, to divide same in their absolute discretion between the Wexford Clothing Society, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Wexford, and the Children's Bread Fund at the Presentation Convent, Wexford, to be applied for the charitable purposes of said organisations. By her Will the said Testatrix appointed Rev. John Sinnott, Adm., Wexford, and Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, Executors, and Probate of said Will was, on the 28th day of September, 1927, granted forth of the District Registry, Waterford (Probate), Saorstat Eireann, to the said Rev. John Sinnott and Fintan M. O'Connor.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1927.

M. J. O'CONNOR and CO., Solicitors for the said Executors, 2 George street, Wexford.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland and to all others whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
ANNA KANE, late of Esperance, Hartigan place, Eastbourne, England, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 30 and 31 Victoria, Cap. 54, that the above-named Anna Kane, made, inter alia, the following bequests, viz.:—£200 to the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin; £200 to the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Limerick; £200 to the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook, County Dublin; £100 to the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers Society, Dublin; £200 to the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, County Dublin; £200 to the Blind Asylum, Merrion, County Dublin; £200 to the Deaf and Dumb Institution, Cabra, County Dublin; £200 to the Society of the Distressed Irish Ladies' Home, 38 Mountjoy square, Dublin; £200 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dublin, the foregoing bequests being for the charitable objects of such institutions; £100 to the Superior of the Carmelites, Whitefriar street, Dublin, for Masses to be said in Public and in the Free State, for the Repose of the Souls of her parents, brothers, sisters and herself; £100 to the Mother Abbess, Franciscan Convent, Drumshambo, County Leitrim, in aid of the Perpetual Adoration; and, subject to certain annuities in said Will mentioned, Testatrix directed her Trustee to divide the rents and profits of her Limerick property, so long as such annuities were payable, equally between the Superioress of the Good Shepherd, Limerick, and the Superioress of the Convent of Mercy, Limerick, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in the City of Limerick, for the charitable objects of said respective institutions carried on by them in the Free State. Testatrix bequeathed the apportionment of rents out of said property in Limerick to the time of her death, subject to the apportionment of outgoings payable thereout, to the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Limerick, the Convent of Mercy, Limerick, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in the City of Limerick, share and share alike, for the charitable objects carried on by them. After the determination of said annuities, Testatrix directed her Trustees to sell said property, and, on payment of certain legacies, Testatrix left said property and the proceeds thereof equally between the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Limerick, the Convent of Mercy, Limerick, and the Presentation Convent, Limerick, for the charitable objects of such institutions; and Testatrix gave and bequeathed the residue of her property equally between the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook, Dublin, the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, Dublin, the Hospital for Children, Temple street, Dublin, for the charitable objects of said respective institutions. Said Testatrix died on the 7th day of October, 1927, and Probate of said Will was on the 9th day of December, 1927, granted by the High Court of Justice (Probate), Saorstat Eireann, to Sir George Roche, of 20 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, the sole Executor therein named.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1927.

WM. ROCHE and SONS, Solicitors for Executor, 20 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin.

MICHAEL CLARKE, of Milltown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, Farmer, Deceased.

Take Notice that the above-named Michael Clarke, by his last Will dated 21st February, 1927, appointed Joseph Clarke, of Robertstown, Ashbourne, and Valentine Wall, of Nuttstown, Garristown, both in the County of Meath, Farmers, to be the Executors and Trustees of his Will and thereby bequeathed the following Charitable Legacies:—

(1) To the Parish Priest of Curragha £25, for the purpose of celebrating, or having celebrated, in Ireland Masses for the repose of Testator's soul and the souls of his late wife and other relatives—10/- to be applied for each Mass.

(2) To Testator's niece, Rose Clarke, of Redcar Dominican Convent, Yorkshire, £25, to be expended by her in having celebrated in her convent 50 Masses for the repose of Testator's soul and the souls of his late wife and other relatives.

(3) To his said niece, Rose Clarke, £25, to be expended by her for the benefit of her convent at Redcar aforesaid, and in case she should predecease Testator, the said first-mentioned legacy bequeathed to her for Masses to be applied by Testator's Executors for Masses in manner first mentioned.

And Testator directed his Executors to pay the amount of legacies bequeathed for Masses in priority of all other pecuniary legacies, and directed his purely personal estate should be primarily liable to bear and pay the said legacies for Masses, and Probate of said Will was granted to the said Executors on 13th December, 1927, forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.

Dated this 15th December, 1927.

CHARLES J. REDDY and SON, Solicitors for said Executors, 14 Westland row, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all other persons concerned.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Will you permit me, on behalf of many who passed an amusing afternoon at the Gaiety Theatre on Friday last, to thank the author of "Biddy" for his kind invitation? On principle I felt I ought not to be in the position of adjudicator on a matter that concerned another branch of the Catholic Church. When I want to criticise the Roman Church I do it by plain, controversial methods, and not by dramatic representation; but there are one or two things I have to say in this connection.

"Biddy" is as harmless as the "Pickwick Papers," and there is as much ground for Methodists objecting to Stiggins as there is for Roman Catholics objecting to Father O'Flaherty. I think that every learned Roman Catholic knows that there have been immoral dignitaries in the Roman Church, and, if I remember, Cardinal Newman admitted this quite frankly. The Limerick doctrine would anathematise Dante (he put a Pope into his "Inferno"), and Pascal (he declared the Jesuits to be a wholly immoral lot)—in fact, almost all the great names of the Roman Church. Father Bruno, in a small book which I read the other day, admits that even Popes are not free from moral fault. Is it not strange to object to farcical and fictitious frailty and admit actual frailty? My own view is that the clergy should rather invite criticism than show sensitiveness to it, and, while I cannot say much for the literary merits of Mr. Cowen's play, I feel that the audience that sang "Faith of our Fathers" were the kind of apologists that do more harm to a Church than any of the great agnostics could ever pretend to attempt.—Yours, etc.,

W. NESBITT HARVEY.

Sandford Rectory, Ranelagh, Dublin,
December 17th, 1927.

THE LAW'S DELAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May I appeal to your columns for the purpose of ventilating a grievance that is suffered by others as well as by myself? I am unhappily concerned in the result of an action which, alas! only ended in the Court of Appeal, or, rather, should have ended there, many months ago, as it was argued before their lordships early this year. Though I have been waiting month after month for the decision of my case, there is still no appearance of judgment, and, on making inquiry, I am told that there are some twenty other undecided appeals, some of them argued over a year ago.

What excuse can there be for this delay? Surely, if the Court is so overwhelmed with work that it cannot overtake it, even with the help of Saturdays and Sundays, the many vacations could be utilised for making up its mind. Is it fair to litigants to delay for months until facts and arguments must be forgotten? I would write more strongly but that I might use expressions at which the Court might take umbrage; but I trust you will not deny me the only remedy open to me—the publicity of the Press.—Yours, etc.,

"ANXIETY."

Dublin, December 17th, 1927.

CANDLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—For nine winters candles have been the only warmth and light in rooms that are more than twenty feet long and more than sixteen broad, and have no carpets or curtains. The inhabitant goes to bed sometimes at six o'clock a.m., sometimes after five, often after four or three o'clock. Good candles, therefore, are needed. Certain English candles are the best, though they are not what they were before the war; but now coercion, that in this case is bad for health and eyesight, hinders them from being got, as shopkeepers will not pay the tax. Most Irish candles give a dim light, throw up a huge cauliflower wick, and have (a word not allowed in the days of refinement) a stink that is poisonous. Will Mr. Blythe change places with his victim for a week?

Father Tom Burke, the great Dominican preacher, did not stay up too late; yet he used to dance every night in his cell to thaw himself. Sir Walter Scott says in his "Journal" that there is nothing so demoralising as cold, and that he would rather be hungry than cold. There are some people, however, that nothing seems able to kill. To be reared a water drinker and with the proud boast of never having had a smoker in a forefather on either side of the house, and to give up tea and meat, defies doctors.—Yours, etc.,

"ANTI-COERCION."

Queen's County, December 17th, 1927.

DUBLIN HOSPITALS AND CITY FIRMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I think you may be interested in knowing that the W. D. and H. O. Wills (Dublin Branch) Employés' Medical Charities Association has to-day forwarded the undermentioned donations to the hospitals specified. This money was voluntarily contributed during 1927 by the office and factory staffs.

Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital		£20	
Sir Patrick Dun's	,,	20	
Adelaide	,,	20	
St. Vincent's	,,	20	
Dr. Steevens'	,,	20	
			£100
Children's (Harcourt street)	,,	£10	
,, (Temple street)	,,	10	
Meath street	,,	10	
			30
Total			£130

—Yours, etc.,

R. C. POPE, Hon. Secretary,
Medical Charities Fund.

Marrowbone lane, Dublin,
16th December, 1927.

PROTECTION OF GIRLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I have been reading the articles in the *Irish Times*, and agree with most of what you say. I also agree with Father MacMahon that the crime of infanticide is seldom committed by a Dublin girl, but does it matter very much where a girl comes from? What should concern us most is the way to prevent it, and the only way to do this is to make the father responsible for the support of his child.

According to Mrs. McKean's letter, in your issue of yesterday, a committee has been working for the reform of the law for the past three years, and has been told that a bill has been drafted. How long must we wait before it sees the light of day? What is the Minister of Justice afraid of?—Yours, etc.,

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR.

Irish Women Workers' Union,
7 and 8 Eden quay, Dublin,
December 17th, 1927.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.

SPRING SHOW ARRANGEMENTS.

At the last meeting of the Committee of Agriculture of the Royal Dublin Society, held at Ballsbridge, at which Mr. Justice Wylie presided, the Director reported the election of the Committee and the Chairman welcomed the new members.

Lieutenant-Colonel Coote Hely-Hutchinson, who was elected Chairman for the ensuing session, in thanking the Committee, referred to the great work accomplished by the Society under the leadership of the outgoing Chairman during his three years' term of office, which had brought fame and honour to the Society. Mr. Leonard H. Poe was appointed Vice-Chairman.

The following were elected additional members for Horse Show purposes:—Major John Aylmer, L. F. Ball, Sir Francis Brooke, Bart.; J. H. Collen, Commander H. de Burgh, Baron de Robeck, Captain G. Dunne, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, Captain T. Gisborne Gordon, Richard Kelly, John Kernohan, W. W. Kilroy, A. E. Kinahan, Right Hon. T. K. Laidlaw, Major-General R. St. C. Lecky, Mark Leonard, D. T. Moore, John J. Ryan, Captain R. Smyth, and William Toomey.

The Agricultural Sub-Committees for 1928 were appointed.

THE SPRING SHOW.

It was decided, in the case of the beef breeds of cattle at the Spring Show, that the cows exhibited should either be in milk or in calf—in the latter case the prizes to be held over until certificates are received of such cows calving within nine months from the date of the Show.

A report was read in reference to serious pedigree irregularities by certain exhibitors at the Bull Show, and the Director was instructed to communicate with such exhibitors requesting an explanation before definite action is taken.

It was agreed to reduce the charges for cattle arriving over the week-end for the Spring Show.

The Director reported the completion of agreements with the caterers appointed for the Society's shows during 1928.

MR. COWEN'S LAST WORD.

THE PRESENTATION OF "BIDDY" IN DUBLIN.

SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Sunday.

Interviewed on his arrival in London last night from Dublin Mr. Laurence Cowen said—

Poor "Biddy," why won't people leave her alone? She tried to please everybody on Friday afternoon, and with the trifling exception of nine-tenths of the great audience who accepted the invitation to be present in the very theatre which had refused the contractual public presentation, she failed in her object.

Your critic thinks it about the worst play ever written; so do all the other Dublin critics, whose agreement when they do agree is wonderful. There is just some small consolation to be derived from the bludgeoning of the *Irish Times* authority on theatrical matters; for he goes on to say that the standard of such things in Dublin is lamentably low, that he fears the time of seeing good plays there is gone for ever, and similar jeremiads. I do pity him so; for well do I know how one's judgment becomes warped when exercised in one quality of fare—too much *caviare*, you know; and the worst is, one loses one's faculty for knowing a good thing when one sees it if one has too much of a bad thing.

But if I have failed to please your dramatic critics, I must perforce remain content with the second rate reviews which practically the entire London and cross-Channel Press has given to my poor work. The fact that they praised it so highly and bespoke poor "Biddy" the success it has since achieved may help to salve the wounds administered by their Irish *confrères*; or, might it be, no case, abuse his play?

LAST FRIDAY'S PERFORMANCE.

Why belittle the verdict of Friday? Is it, or is it not a fact that the large audience brought there by invitation were by a great majority in demonstrative favour of this banned play, and perfectly satisfied that I had not erred seriously, if at all, in respect of the charges that its critics had levelled at it? Were not the organised opponents of that view present as much in danger of being shouted down as was actually the fate of the "Biddy" company at Limerick?

Had I not good cause to be proud and content with the result of my case? Was not the verdict of the jury a big majority one, and in my favour—a packed jury was your pronouncement. Where were the Roman Catholic clergy for whom this performance was specially intended, and echo answers where? But I am curious to know more, and I want to ask why were they not there? Why was "Biddy" not given the benefit of the clergy? Why were they afraid to see for themselves what the Limerick brethren had denounced from their pulpits, though they had not seen it either? Were not they in an analogous position ascribed to that of the devil and the deep sea? Were they afraid that they might, as honourable men, be induced to praise what they had from hearsay been bound to blame? Not that their absence was the occasion of any surprise to me. We had been warned that not one Roman Catholic priest would attend, even if I had the impudence to invite them, as one outspoken newspaper phrased it. My test of strength was to be avoided by all illegitimate means; no verdict from the priesthood should be mine, and then what would I do? What did I do? Wait till I tell you.

THE ATTENDANCE.

I saved the projected rot. If the 500 invited Roman Catholic clergy boycotted this performance, actually 15 to 20 of their fraternity did honour me and my invitation—there was plenty of other Roman Catholic opinion in Dublin capable of dealing with the charge that "Biddy" insulted their faith, and sufficient other material, irrespective of religion, that could decide the point that it held up the Irish people to ridicule and contempt; so clergymen of other denominations, representatives of Dublin's (Ireland's) Parliament, its official and professional classes, almost all of the Roman Catholic faith as would be expected, were included in the invitation, and willingly responded to the call. A packed house, forsooth, when not a single member of the large play-loving Jewish community in Dublin was invited, other than the half-dozen ministers who were included in the list of clergymen of all denominations, lest a bias in my favour might be that way secured beyond the merits of the actual matter in controversy.

I am naturally pleased with the vote of confidence given me so heartily, so spontaneously; but I am even more satisfied that by no stretch of honest analysis could the constitution of the audience be queried as being anything but thoroughly representative of the people of your city, necessarily Roman Catholic in the main. Was I justified by the event? "But I must confess that, apart from its general fatuity, I could see nothing in it that could be described as offensive to religion or national susceptibilities." Thus your talented and witty contributor of "An Irishman's Diary." I thank him for those words. It would savour of hypocrisy if I expressed satisfaction with anything else that he wrote about me.

A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

I consider that when "Biddy" went to Ireland she took the wrong turning. She was only a young girl from the country, and did not know any better; she knows now. Someone once said that to lack a sense of humour was to court destruction. I do not know who it was, but I regret that he forestalled me in saying it; for sure am I that its unremembered author had no experience justifying that piece of philosophy as I now possess. All men do not think alike; we may be cast in the same mould, but some are mouldier than others.

"Wad the guid God the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us."

Farce has no other purpose than to make people laugh, and now and then, far too seldom, money for the author; but I subscribe to the doctrine that the laughter should leave no unpleasant taste in the mouth, the caricature be devoid of offence. "Biddy" has never held the Irish up to ridicule, but the people of Limerick have; and now farewell.

Let my last word be one of gratitude to the kind Dublin people for the favour I received at their hands; I do not mean their applause on Friday. On all my all too short visit it has filled me with an overpowering desire to come back to Erin, and when I do I hope to bring "Biddy" along with me, so that more than a few invited guests may make our acquaintance.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

Over 1,000 turkeys were sold last week in Stewartstown, where the prices averaged 1s. 4d. per lb.

The fowl market in Kells last Saturday was well supplied, and there was a very brisk demand for hen turkeys, every single one being bought up early. Turkeys realised from 1s. to 1s. 4d. per lb., the average price being 1s. 3d. per lb. Geese realised from 5s. to 10s. 6d. each, the highest price working out at 7d. per lb.

DIED ON CHURCH STEPS.

Early last Saturday morning the sexton of Long Tower Roman Catholic Church, Londonderry, found a middle-aged man, named Joseph Murphy, dead on the steps of the main entrance to the church. The police had the body, which was in a sitting position, removed to the Infirmary, where death was certified as being due to exposure.

The deceased man had been for several years unemployed. He was unmarried.

COALISLAND ACCIDENT.

While Whiteside Cardwell, of Drumconner, Newmills, an employé of Messrs. John Stevenson and Company, Coalisland, was standing sheets of corrugated iron up against a wall last Saturday about 15 cwt. of the sheets fell on him, fracturing one of his legs. Dr. S. Girvan, dispensary officer, Coalisland, was promptly on the scene, and rendered first aid to the injured man, who was subsequently removed to the Dungannon Hospital.

A large supply of flax was cleared in Ballybay (Monaghan) Market last Saturday at 14s. to 15s. 9d. per stone.

FALL FROM A LORRY.

FIVE YOUTHS INJURED IN DUBLIN.

Five young fellows who were driving in a lorry in Dublin yesterday were injured as a result of the side of the vehicle on which they were seated giving way. The lorry was entering Parliament street from Cork Hill at about 2 o'clock when the accident happened, the youths falling to the street. They were John Dillon, aged 20 years, of Dorset street, who received injuries to his left arm; Joseph Murphy, aged 19 years, of Long lane, Dorset street, injury to the left hip; James Murphy, 14 years, of Dorset street, injury to back; Edward Geraghty, 20 years, of Upper Dorset street, fracture of left collar bone; and Denis Geraghty, 16 years, of Upper Dorset street, injury to face.

The injured youths were taken in the Fire Brigade ambulance to Mercer's Hospital for treatment.

DERRY MINISTER 101 YEARS OF AGE.

"FATHER" OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Rev. Hugh M'Intyre Butler, the "father" of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and senior minister of Magilligan congregation, Co. Derry, celebrated his 101st birthday yesterday. He was born at Randalstown on December 18, 1926, and was licensed as a probationer for the ministry in 1851, when he was ordained as successor to his uncle, the Rev. M'Intyre Butler, at Magilligan. He has thus completed seventy-six years of continuous ministry at Magilligan.

He was Moderator of the Synod of Derry and Omagh in 1892, and served for a time with the Belfast City Mission.

Last year in celebration of his hundredth birthday he was entertained at a luncheon by the Limavady Presbytery, and received congratulatory messages from the King and Queen and the Governor of Northern Ireland, while the members of the congregation presented him with an illuminated address and an armchair.

LOSS OF MEMORY.

UNKNOWN MAN IN BELFAST INFIRMARY.

The identity of the patient now in the Belfast Union Infirmary suffering from loss of memory has not yet been established. It was believed that he might have been an airman missing some weeks ago from the Aldergrove Aerodrome, but an Air Force officer who visited the infirmary was able to state that he was not. The police are still making inquiries.

NORTHERN OFFICIAL'S RETIREMENT.

NEW CHIEF INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES.

Mr. Sydney Eraut, Chief Inspector of Factories of the Northern Ministry of Labour, will retire at the end of this month after thirty-two years in the Civil Service. Mr. Eraut was transferred to Belfast from Preston in 1908, and is highly esteemed by both employers and employed in Belfast's industries.

Mr. Eraut will be succeeded by Mr. W. J. M'Cahey, M.B.E., the present Deputy Chief Inspector.

THE MAN OF WEALTH.

NORTHERNER'S FRAUD ON DUNDALK JEWELLER.

At Dundalk District Court a young man named Edward Carty, of Newry, was charged with having represented himself as a man of opulence, with large licensed premises at Newry and a banking account, and thereby obtained a gold watch and a gold cigarette case, value for £10 17s. 6d., from the late Mr. Hakenjos, jeweller, Dundalk.

Carty's excuse was that he had been "gassed" in the war, and that when he took drink afterwards he was inclined to do foolish things. He had got the articles, and pawned them in order to go to Dublin with a friend whom he had met in a Dundalk hotel. He had been arrested in Newry and handed over to the Guards. He admitted that he had served twelve months in Mountjoy for stealing a motor bicycle which he took "from somewhere late at night," and also that he had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining an overcoat by pretending that he was Dr. Carty, and bound over for having a row with the police in England.

Mrs. Carty, a licensed shopkeeper in Newry, pleaded for a chance for her son, who had, she said, turned over a new leaf, and was doing well at present in the business. She agreed to pay any money that was due.

Mr. Goff, District Justice, said that he would strain the law and give the defendant the benefit of the Probation of Offenders Act, in the hope that this would be a real reformation. He bound him over for three years, the money to be repaid to the pawnbroker, together with a contribution of £3 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society; and a condition was placed on the bail bond that Carty was not to indulge in intoxicants to excess.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF PIGS.

LIST OF AWARDS AT BELFAST.

On Saturday Messrs. Robsons conducted their Christmas sale of pigs. There were about 1,000 pigs accommodated in the sale-yard, and of these 500 were in competition for prizes. Owing, however, to the great number in the latter category, it was decided to make only two classes—one for porkers and the other for fat pigs. Later a third was provided for heavy-weights.

The awards were made as follows:—

Porkers—1, A. Harper, Hillsboro'; 2, John Boyd, Dundonald.

Fat Pigs—1, W. McBratney, Sixroadends, Ballygrainey; 2, James Mark, Hilltown.

Heavy-weights—1, William Smyth, Connswater.

The following prices were realised at the sale of Christmas fat stock:—

Champion bullock, Mr. C. H. Nelson, £75; bullock, Mr. R. Thompson, £33; bullock, Mr. W. Edgar, £41; heifer, Mr. J. Mullin, £40; heifer, Mr. J. Mullin, £40; bullock, Mr. W. Martin, £32 10/-; bullock, Mr. R. H. Clarke, £33; baby bullock, Mr. J. H. Boyle, £52; baby bullock, Mr. W. Martin, £40; baby bullock, Mr. W. Martin, £32; baby heifer, Mr. J. Mullin, £40; baby heifer, Colonel R. G. Sharman Crawford, £26 15/-; three baby heifers, Mr. C. Breeze, £25 each; do., Mr. J. Moore, £30. Novice class—Mr. W. Smyth, £32; do., Mr. J. Law, £28. Group classes—Mr. W. Martin, £25 5/- each; Mr. W. Shaw, £34 5/- each; same seller, £32 5/- each. Group classes (traders)—Three bullocks, Mr. W. R. Cresswell, £25 each. Fat cows—Mr. Alex Robb, J.P., £29; Mr. R. H. Johnstone, D.L., £27 10/-; do., £24; Mr. W. Weatherup, £24. Championship cow—Mr. W. R. Cresswell, £36. Reserve champion—Mr. F. McCausland, £27.

The trade generally for bullocks and heifers was of a very even tendency. Prime stall-fed bullocks were making from 55/- to 60/- per live cwt., and out-feds were making from 40/- to 50/-.

A £3,000 LEGACY.

TYRONE OLD AGE PENSIONER'S WINDFALL.

Through the death of a sister in New York, Michael Avery, an old age pensioner, who lives with his sister on a twelve-acre farm at Derry, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone, has received a legacy of £3,000.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Thomas George Andrews, of 59 Montague street, Portadown, has been remanded on £200 bail at Portadown, charged with the manslaughter of his father-in-law, Robert Livingston (74), an old age pensioner, who died in Lurgan Infirmary last Friday as, it was alleged, the result of injuries inflicted by the accused man on November 18 last.

FIVEMILETOWN PROTESTS.

Fivemiletown ratepayers have protested against the proposal to discontinue passenger traffic on the Clogher Valley railway; against the disgraceful condition of the roads, which, they claim, are unfit to carry the present volume of traffic; and against the appropriation by the Government of the £4,000 which, it is suggested, the Government would save annually by the closing of the railway line; and the unemployment and hunger which the proposal itself would bring about.

A GREAT DUBLIN CHARITY.

FREE NIGHT-SHELTER FOR MEN.

THE ADMISSIONS LAST YEAR.

A strong appeal on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Homeless Catholic Men was made yesterday in the large Supper Hall of the Institution in Back lane, Dublin.

Mr. Thomas Sexton, who presided, said that that shelter, which was founded some years ago to meet a sad and pressing social want in the city, had admirably served its purpose. That success had been essentially due to the potency and great intrinsic merit of the work. It had also been promoted in some degree by other contributory causes. At all times, from first to last, the administration of the shelter had been earnest and, therefore, good. They now saw the shelter from day to day filling what had been for so long an aching void. They saw it prevent, so far as its scope extended, any growth of that pernicious form of social waste which abandoned to enforced idleness and to all its bad results men who wanted to earn a living by their labour if they were enabled or allowed to do so. They saw that shelter from year to year providing a home for homeless men and saving them from sore humiliation, bitter suffering, and possibly despair.

The annual report set out the amount of work done. The whole expenditure for last year was £1,767. To him the surprise was that the amount was so small, especially when he saw that the admissions numbered 34,026, and that meals to double that number were supplied, being supper and breakfast to every man admitted. Distributing the total expenditure over the total admissions they found that the proportion of gross cost represented or attributable to one admission was just a shilling, and not more.

THE MONTH'S EXPENDITURE.

The interim report of the committee for the ten completed months ending with October informed them that there was an actual expenditure required during the past year for building and for permanent plant in the neighbourhood of £1,000. If they deducted that from the gross cost they found that the ordinary expenditure amounted to £1,465. It was surprising that so moderate a sum could do so great a work. The admissions for the ten months were 31,841, and meals to double that number were provided, as before. He noticed, comparing the ten with the twelve months period, that the admissions were substantially increased. This showed that in the Free Night Shelter, as elsewhere, there was a growth of distress. Distributed over 31,841 admissions, the expense of £1,465 worked out at 11d. per head, as against 1s. last year.

Economy was sometimes praised for what it was alone, but when one considered economy, as they were doing now, in connection with service rendered, they had to look, not only at economy, but efficiency also. Did they know of any other institution in which there was such an excellent combination of these two essential factors as they found disclosed in that report?

A REFUGE FOR THE WORKLESS.

What was the secret of that excellent combination? It was simply that the Committee of Management was composed of earnest men, who devoted themselves to their voluntary task.

Concluding, he said that every day of the year there are in Dublin men looking for work, who, when the day falls in, have no work. They have not the price of a loaf, nor the few pence that would procure the poorest shelter for the night. They turn to this night refuge. It holds out to them the only prospect they can see to escape from what to hungry men is at all times, and especially in the heart of winter, passing the night in the streets or sleeping on the stairs of an open tenement to face the next day without a scrap of food. These men can gain a refuge here.

As a rule, the men admitted to this institution eventually find some set employment and do recover by self-supporting labour their personal independence. (Applause.)

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. T. J. Fullerton read the committee's interim report for the ten months ending 31st October. This stated that during the past year the admissions were 31,891; free meals, 63,782. An exceptionally heavy outlay, amounting to about £1,000, became necessary during the period under review. It comprised the following items:—Building new bath and clothes rooms, enlargement of wash house and installation of new washing troughs; renewal of 86 beds; painting the entire building. This expenditure, though a severe strain upon the committee's resources, has left the Night Shelter in perfect working order, and equipped to its full capacity.

The relief given consists of a free bed and two free meals daily for a period of 14 nights, or longer, if necessary. Some men find work almost immediately, and their stay is short; others, less fortunate, remain the full time and get an extension when circumstances require it, but, taken on the whole, 14 nights may be regarded as the average time allowed. The case of each man admitted is dealt with separately, and he is helped according to his special needs. Work is obtained for some, others, through the aid of the Mendicity Institution, are sent to their homes in the country, or their passage is paid to England or Scotland. The most destitute receive clothes and boots, contributed by friends of the charity, as without such assistance it would, in many cases, be quite impossible to get employment. The supply of clothes available is, unfortunately, very short of the demand.

The men's supper, each night throughout the year, is served by members of the Committee, who afterwards interview the new men admitted (1) to protect the charity from abuse; (2) to see what improvement it is possible to effect in their condition—how far they can be uplifted, encouraged, and helped.

A financial statement showed that, starting the year with a deficit of £1,725 7s. 6d., the accounts showed a deficit on 31st October of £1,810 9s. 2d.

This was signed on behalf of the Committee by Mr. Andrew J. Keogh, President; Mr. John F. McGuire and Mr. James O'Dea, Hon. Treasurers; Mr. George Loomes, Hon. Secretary.

THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., in moving the adoption of the report, asked those present to consider the possibilities of such a shelter in the depth of winter. It was something more of a shelter, because they had voluntary workers, who looked after the various people in a manner that would not be done by others. It was, therefore, deserving of support.

Professor O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, in seconding, said that the real explanation of the success of that institution lay in the voluntary workers who carried it on. There was no fear for any charity in Dublin, if deserving and well known. Here was a charity which was deserving. This fact required no insistance, because it was obvious. He appealed for help from those who could work, and those who subscribe or send old clothes.

The resolution was passed.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Very Rev. John Flanagan, Adm., proposed, Mr. John F. McGuire seconded, and it was resolved that the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter was worthy of support.

A subscription list was then opened, and there was a generous response.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Among the general public present were the following:—The Very Rev. J. Nolan, P.P., St. Columba's; the Very Rev. J. Flanagan, Adm., Fairview; the Very Rev. J. Brennan, O.C.C., Whitefriar street; the Very Rev. Father Donegan, O.P.; the Rev. D. Delaney, St. Laurence O'Toole's; the Very Rev. J. Flood, Adm.; the Rev. Father Edward, O.S.F.C.; the Rev. M. H. MacInerney, O.P.; the Rev. M. Kirwan, S.J.; the Rev. M. Moran, the Rev. R. J. Glennon, Sir Joseph Glynn, Judge O'Brien, K.C.; John Muldoon, K.C.; G. Black, K.C.; T. P. Wall, Dr. C. M. O'Brien, P. M. Rath, Maurice Cosgrave, J. F. McGuire, Surgeon P. J. Smyth, D. J. McGrath, Professor Myles Dillon, Andrew J. Keogh, R. M. O'Callaghan, James O'Dea, B. Collins, solicitor, Inland Revenue; G. M. Macken, Hibernian Bank; Thomas J. Doyle, M. R. Lalor, T. J. Fullerton, solicitor; W. Mathews, Thomas Woods, W. J. Jackson, Henry M. Murphy, P. Byrne, P. J. Cahill, C. Kenny, T. P. O'Connor, W. Rickard, J. J. Duffy, James Halligan, H. J. Monks, Kieran O'Dea, F. Barnard, J. S. Barnard, J. W. Kelly, Mr. Malin, J. Hooper, T. Waldron, T. Dunne, P. J. Brady, Thomas Dooley, A. J. Ganter, G. L. Gator, J. Mackey, Eugene O'Connell, J. P. Carroll, J. Murphy, Patrick Walsh, James Connolly, G. Loomes, the Rev. Brother Furlong, S.J.; Miss S. Shortall, John L. Dunne, M. J. Gorman, Thomas Deighan, Thomas W. Campion, Martin O'Byrne, John Guerin, H. B. Coakley, Walter Perry.

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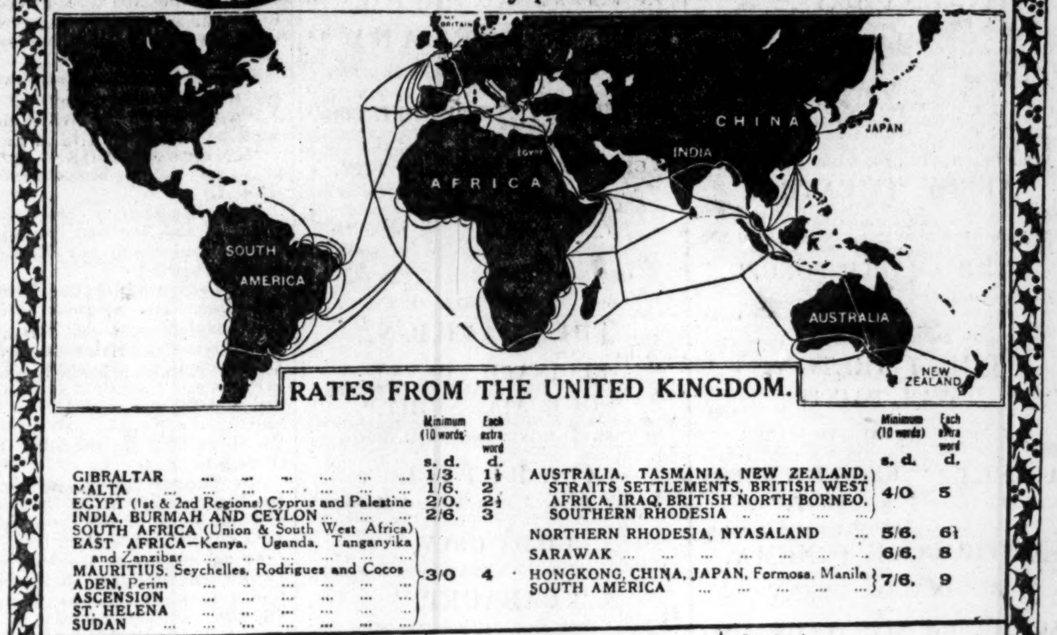

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NORTHERN EDUCATION MINISTRY.

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Mr. James Yates, M.A., O.B.E., has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Northern Ministry of Education, in succession to Mr. A. N. Bonaparte Wyse, C.B.E., who was recently appointed Permanent Secretary on the retirement of Mr. Lewis M'Quibban, C.B.E.

Mr. Yates, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, has had a distinguished collegiate career. He is the second son of the late Mr. John Yates, Frankford, King's County, and was born in 1869. He was educated at Ranelagh School, Athlone, from 1883 to 1886, during which time he won various distinctions at the Intermediate Examination, including gold and silver medals for first places in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and exhibitions in Junior and Senior Grades, in the latter of which he took second place. In 1887 he entered Trinity College, Dublin, obtaining a Junior Exhibition and in the following year a sizarship in Mathematics. In 1889 he gained the first Senior exhibition, in 1890 a Scholarship in Mathematics, and in 1891 he graduated with Senior Moderatorships and gold medals in Mathematics and in Experimental Science and Chemistry, and was awarded the Brooke Prize in Mathematics. Throughout his university course he obtained honours in various subjects at the term examinations, winning first place on many occasions. After graduating he won the Bishop Law and the McCullough prizes for studies in Advanced Mathematics, and in 1894 he proceeded to the degree of M.A.

While in residence at Trinity College he also completed the Arts course in the Royal University, obtaining the B.A. degree with honours in Mathematics in 1890, and M.A., with honours in Experimental Science and Chemistry, in 1892.

In 1895 he obtained first place at the competitive examination for the position of Inspector of National Schools. As inspector, Mr. Yates served in County Cork, Armagh, Tipperary, and Louth, and in 1919 he was promoted to the rank of Senior Inspector. Owing to his long and intimate experience of educational matters he was specially selected in 1918 for administrative and advisory duties at the Education Office, and down to the dissolution of the Board of National Education in 1922 he continued to hold a leading place in carrying on every phase of the work of the Department.

On the transfer of services under the Government of Ireland Act in 1922, Mr. Yates volunteered his services to the Northern Government, and was offered and accepted the post of Principal Officer in the Ministry of Education. His duties were concerned with the administration of the elementary schools branch of the Ministry, and he gave special service as Secretary to the Committee set up by the Minister for the training of teachers.

He received the honour of O.B.E. in 1924.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S STAND.

NOT AGENTS FOR POOR RELIEF.

The Ministry of Education asked the Fermanagh Regional Committee for their observations upon a letter received by the Ministry from the Derrylin Education Sub-Committee, pointing out that the County Education Committee never acceded to their requests for financial assistance to relieve cases of destitution in their area. The district was a poor one, the letter stated, and but for the fact that the teachers acted charitably to the pupils it would be impossible to carry out the provisions of the Education Act regarding regular attendance.

Mr. Dewane suggested that in really necessitous cases the Committee should make a grant.

Colonel Barton—Why not get the poor law relief people to do it? They want us to mix up poor relief and education.

Mr. A. Anderson, J.P.—My view is the same. Once you open the door you will have no end to demands for clothing, boots, etc., from all parts of the county, and that is an expense we cannot afford.

Mr. Coffey said that the Derrylin district was worse than no other. He opposed any relief, as the farmers were crying out against increased rates.

The Secretary was directed to reply that the Committee could not agree with the principle of carrying out the relief of the poor with the other business as an education authority.

IMPORTED 'BUSES.

APPLICATION FOR TARIFF ON BODIES.

The following communication has been received by Mr. R. Anthony, T.D., in reply to representations:—

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your recent conversation with the President on the subject, it is understood, of imported 'buses, and to say that an application is at present being made for a protective duty on motor 'buses. As this is at present before the Tariff Commission, it is not possible to express any opinion on this particular aspect of the case.

"I am to add for your information that for a considerable time past this Department has been endeavouring to secure that as many as possible of the bodies of the motor 'buses to be used in this country will be manufactured in this country. These steps have resulted in a considerable increase in the production of motor 'bus bodies, and it may be taken that every effort will be made to promote in any way possible the manufacture of motor 'bus bodies in the Saorstát.

"This Department will be glad to be informed if there are any companies in the Cork area making motor 'bus bodies, and if there is any way under existing powers in which the Department can assist these companies."

BABY BURIED IN GARDEN.

MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED WITH INFANTICIDE.

Sergeant Rahilly and Sergeant Denver, attached to Bridge street Civic Guard barracks, last Saturday visited a house in Mill street, Dundalk, and after searching a garden at the rere dug up the partly-decomposed body of a newly-born female child, which they found about three feet below the surface. Subsequently George Charity, labourer, aged about 45, and Brigid Duffy, sister-in-law, Mill street, Dundalk, were arrested and charged at a special Court in Bridge street barracks, before Mr. James Clarke, Peace Commissioner, with the murder of an unnamed infant. Depositions having been taken, both the accused persons were remanded in custody to Dundalk District Court.

CAROL SERVICES IN DUBLIN.

Carol Services were held in many of the Dublin churches yesterday, including St. Andrews' St. Mary's, Donnybrook, the Magdalen Church and the Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Green, and also in the Dublin Central Mission, St. George's Hall.

CO. LIMERICK FIRE.

FLOUR MILL BURNED.

Intelligence was received in Limerick on Saturday that the Kantoher Flour and Meal Mills, the property of the Kantoher Co-operative Society, were completely destroyed by fire that morning.

The fire was discovered at half-past eight o'clock, when the flames had a complete hold of the building.

In the absence of adequate fire-fighting appliances, the efforts of the employés and residents of the locality to save the building failed, but they succeeded in preventing the fire from reaching the creamery. A great deal of damage was caused by the fire, the origin of which is unknown.

The Kantoher Co-operative Dairy Society is one of the largest in the South of Ireland. Kantoher is about four miles from Drumcollogher.

The damage, which is estimated at between £7,000 and £10,000, is stated to be covered by insurance.

DUBLIN MAN'S ARREST.

REMANDED IN LONDON ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Matthew O'Neill, aged 20, of Geraldine street, Berkeley road, Dublin, pleaded guilty at the Guildhall, London, last Saturday to embezzling three sums of money, amounting to £48 19s., belonging to his employers, Leon and Co., tobacconists, with a number of branches in the City, and was remanded in custody.

Mr. Tucker, prosecuting, explained that the accused man was taken on out of sympathy as an assistant, but, as he proved himself very efficient, he worked himself up to be second in charge of the Moorgate Station dépôt. During the senior salesman's holiday in June last he was left in charge, and took the opportunity to steal three days' takings that he should have paid into the bank, and absconded to Ireland.

When the senior salesman returned he found the branch shut up and the defendant missing. A warrant was applied for, and on Friday the accused man was brought back to London.

O'Neill said that he was not arrested in Ireland because of this case, but because he was suspected of being a member of the "Irish Republican Army" and had a revolver in his possession. He was quite willing to repay the prosecutors.

In reply to the magistrate, Sir George Truscott, a detective said that O'Neill became acquainted with a young lady and went away with her to Dublin. He had a very good character from his previous employer. He was supposed to be a member of the "I.R.A."

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And I hereby further give Notice that, pursuant to Section 23 (1) of the Intoxicating (General) Act, 1924, said application will be heard and determined by the Circuit Court Judge of the Southern Circuit Court of Justice in Saorstát Eireann, sitting at Tipperary, in and for the Division of Cashel, in the said County of Tipperary, on the 17th day of January, 1928.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1927.
(Signed)
T. J. HAYES, Hon. Secretary of the said Club.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

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VACANCY FOR CENTRAL SAVINGS ORGANISER.

The Civil Service Commissioners invite applications for the position of Organiser (unestablished) under the Central Savings Committee. The person appointed will be stationed in Waterford, but Organisers may be required to serve in any part of Saorstát Eireann.

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Furniture	2	Shipping	3
Garden	2	Situations Vacant	2
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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.
6.45 .... TWICE NIGHTLY 9.0
ANOTHER THOS. F. CONVERY
COMEDY REVUE,
FORMBY SEEING LIFE,
A Merry-Go-Round of Laughter and Melody.
STAR CAST INCLUDES:
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1927,
THE
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Will be Performed for a Week of Matinees at 2.30 each day.
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The Performance will be in Aid of the
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"The Stage"—"A sheer delight."
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Dublin's Mecca. A King Could Ask No More.
The Ideal Entertainment. All This Week.
GILDA GREY,
Acclaimed as America's Most Alluring Dancer, in
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A Real "Inside Story" of Broadway Night Life (A Paramount Picture).
Also Harold Lloyd, in "SAFETY LAST."
BY UNIVERSAL REQUEST.
KEL KEECH & ORD HAMILTON
have been retained for another week.
In their programme, which represents the zenith of entertaining value, they introduce many New Numbers.
AS A SOUVENIR OF THEIR VISIT TO DUBLIN,
they invite Irish lyric writers to submit samples of their work. On Friday evening next the effort selected as the prize-winning one will be set to music on the stage and sung by Messrs. Keech and Hamilton. Within 36 hours the song will be published by the Ord Hamilton Music Publishing Co., of London. The writer of the prize-winning lyric will be paid £10 in cash and a royalty of 10 per cent. on the sale of the song. It will be on sale in Dublin immediately after Christmas.
ALEC B. FRYER and his CAPITOLIANS,
Assisted by THE TILLER GIRLS, in a Capitol Presentation,
"THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS."

BALLROOM DANCES—TO-DAY.
XMAS HOLIDAY CLASS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS begins To-day, 11 to 12.
Private Lessons by Appointment.
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CHRISTMAS SHOW
EVERY DAY THIS WEEK,
FROM 10 TO 1 AND 2 TO 6.

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DANCE BUFFET,
8.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m.
TO-DAY (MONDAY),

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MISS MURIEL CATT
WILL HOLD A SERIES
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HOLIDAY CLASSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
AT
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COMMENCING
WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER,
AT 11.30 A.M.
Modern Ballroom Dancing, including Yale Blues, Black Bottom, etc.

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TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

High Courts, The Castle, 11 a.m.
Circuit Courts, The Castle, 11 a.m.
Rotary Club Luncheon, Clery's Restaurant, 1 p.m.
North Dublin Rural District Council, 1.30 p.m.
Mansion House Coal Fund, Mansion House, 4.30.
Royal Horticultural and Aboricultural Society, 5 Molesworth street, 3 p.m.
Gaiety—Closed.
Theatre Royal—"Formby Seeing Life."
Olympia Theatre—"Balmy Days."
Abbey Theatre—"The Cradle Song."
Capitol—"Cabaret," "Safety Last," and Varieties.
Metropole—"That's My Daddy."
Grafton Picture House—"The Blonde Saint."
Grand Central Cinema—"What Price Glory."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Out All Night."
Carlton Cinema—"War Paint."
Sackville Picture House—"Skinner's Dress Suit."

The threat to Waterloo Bridge and the threat to the Adelphi, which two places, with Somerset House, forms the most beautiful scene in London, is one which must make nervous every Londoner who loves his city.—Mr. E. C. Powys.

The Irish Times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1927.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

There was a momentary fall of powdery snow in Dublin yesterday, but it vanished instantly. Snow fell in many parts of Britain, and the Continent is snow-covered. Winter sports are in full swing, and there is every prospect of a "white" Christmas.—(Page 7.)

That the retail prices charged for butchers' meat throughout the Free State are excessive is the finding of the Food Tribunal, whose report on the meat trade is given to-day.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Stirling, the United States Minister to the Free State, is to move into the Chief Secretary's Lodge in Phœnix Park, Dublin.—(Page 7.)

The new Governor-General of the Free State will take up his residence at the Viceregal Lodge, Phœnix Park, Dublin, next month.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Cosgrave and Mr. Fitzgerald are to visit the United States next month.—(Page 7.)

Lady Londonderry has criticised the action of the Northern Ireland M.P.'s in voting against the new English Prayer-book.—(Page 7.)

At the sitting of the Town Tenants Commission last Saturday the agent for the Longford and de Vesci estates at Kingstown and Monkstown replied to the Urban Council's statement.—(Page 11.)

Damage to the extent of between £7,000 and £10,000 was caused by a fire in the mill of the Kantoher Creamery Society, Co. Limerick, on Saturday morning.—(Page 5.)

Mr. Thomas Sexton was the principal speaker yesterday in Dublin at the annual meeting in aid of the Free Night Shelter for Catholic Men in Back lane.—(Page 5.)

At an inquest at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, on Saturday, on the body of Sir Simon Maddock, who was injured on the 9th inst. while attempting to extinguish a fire at his residence, the Coroner returned a verdict of death from shock and hemorrhage.—(Page 11.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The English bishops meet to-day to discuss the situation caused by the rejection of the revised Prayer-book.—(Page 7.)

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been notified at Lymm, Cheshire. Manchester landing place for imported cattle is within the prohibited area.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD

The United States submarine S4 was rammed by the American destroyer Paulding during a fog on Saturday, and sank in 100 feet of water off the entrance to Provincetown Harbour, Massachusetts. There are forty-five men on board.—(Page 7.)

A sharp earthquake which occurred in Rangoon early on Saturday morning was accompanied by a hissing sound and an explosion, which are believed to have been caused by a meteor.—(Page 7.)

Two more fires which damaged Roman Catholic scholastic institutions in Quebec are believed to be due to maniacal activities.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL

London Money Market was very easy on Saturday, and loans over the week-end were made at 3 per cent. The Bank released £500,000 in sovereigns for South Africa.—(Page 10.)

Disestablishment?

The rejection of the new Prayer-book by the House of Commons was a truly dramatic event. It was unexpected; it revealed the persistence of a temper that before now has made history in Protestant England; it opens a door upon incalculable things. For twenty years this proposed compromise had been in the making. One day has shattered it to bits—to be remoulded when, if at all? The Archbishops of Canterbury and York will issue a pronouncement before the end of the week. They may hold that any definite statement of policy would be premature, but it appears that, sooner or later, the necessities of the situation will dictate one of three courses. The first of these—suggested already by Sir William Joynson-Hicks—is that the Church Assembly shall submit to Parliament a new Prayer-book, purged of the defeated book's changes in the Communion Service. Such a measure, however, would be an evasion, not a solution, of the problem of disorder. The second course is that Parliament shall arm the bishops with powers of discipline, and then shall be invited to pass, subject to the strict exercise of those powers, the measure which was defeated last week. The third course is disestablishment. That word had a horrid sound for Irish Churchmen in 1869, despite the attempted reassurance of Mr. Gladstone's quotation from "King Lear"; and the bond between Church and State is closer and stronger even now in England than it was at any time in Ireland. Nevertheless, last Thursday's vote has brought disestablishment into the foreground of British politics.

The object-lesson was vivid and its moral is unmistakable. Parliament controls the established Church of England, but contains no longer a preponderating representation of the Church's interests. If England alone sent members to the House of Commons, the Deposited Prayer-book to-day would be the law of the land; for the purely English vote gave a majority of 24 in its favour. Of the English members 199 voted for the book and 175 voted against it. On the other hand, 65 Scottish, Welsh and Irish members voted against the book and only eight of them supported it. Thus the reform which the Church of England had incubated for twenty years was smashed in a few hours by members of other Churches. The Marchioness of Londonderry says, in an English newspaper, that the members from Northern Ireland ought not to have voted on "a measure which does not affect or primarily concern them"; but this complaint is unreasonable. As the Archbishop of Dublin said in the statement which we printed last Saturday, the veto of Parliament on the Church of England's doctrine and government is "the price of establishment." So long as establishment remains the Church must endure its disadvantages even as she enjoys its advantages. Of course, the advantages are enormous, and Dr. Gregg "finds it hard to think that the talk of disestablishment as the Church's only means of redress will lead to anything." We should be able more easily to share his view if this demonstration of the increasing lack of identity between Parliament and the Church had not come as a climax to conditions of grave confusion within the Church.

It is possible—perhaps, probable—that the first effect of disestablishment would be an actual disruption between the Protestant and Anglo-Catholic elements in the Church of England; but the average Churchman is weary of the present turmoil. He may be disposed to think that the Church would become stronger spiritually, though weaker physically, through the complete secession of her Anglo-Catholic extremists. Looking around him to-day, he sees three forms of Church government. One is the Roman Catholic, which is controlled by a supreme and individual authority. The second is the democratic, or self-governing, form. The third is his own, in which the Crown appoints the bishops and Parliament makes the laws. There is no indiscipline—at any rate, no successful indiscipline—in the Church of Rome. Hitherto the democratically elected government of the Church of Ireland has been able to suppress effectively such rare and spasmodic challenges to its discipline and doctrine as have been made in the course of sixty years. It is only in the State-controlled Church that the Crown-appointed bishops are divided in doctrine, and are defied with impunity by hundreds of their clergy. Since the average English Churchman cannot contemplate allegiance to Rome, he may be tempted more strongly, as his Church's disorders multiply, to seek the peace and good government which disestablishment seems to afford. We think, therefore, that, if the establishment, with all its benefits, is to be saved and strengthened, the swift restoration of discipline must precede Prayer-book revision in the Church's counsels. The danger is that the bishops, in their anxiety to preserve the Church's tradition of comprehensiveness, may dally until comprehensiveness becomes indistinguishable from chaos. Beyond any question that result would be the signal for disestablishment.

The American Conquest.

"The English habit of life, the look of an English town, the whole tone of existence in this country is being altered entirely by the economic and commercial pressure of America," said Mr. G. K Chesterton in a speech on "Americanisation," in London last Friday. "If a foreign army had done it," he added, "I hope you would all have turned out to fight them in the streets; but it is done simply by the power of money." As an outstanding example of the influence of America in England Mr. Chesterton took the English inn. Of old "it was entirely peculiar to ourselves." Now it is being transformed into the American hotel. The old homely comfort is gone. The "cocktail" bar has replaced the old inn parlour where the country folk drank their cider and anglers told their tales. In like fashion the English city has come to resemble New York and Chicago. What Mr. Chesterton calls "the idiotic electric signs wriggling about like dancing devils" add piquancy to the fantastic contour of the sky-scrapers and amuse the European visitor in America. Now, however, these "red-hot devils standing on their heads as advertisements for chewing-gum" have made the night horrible in European cities also. That Americanisation which Mr. Chesterton deplores in England has invaded Ireland in like fashion. The cinematograph film is its herald and the dictator of manners and attire to the conquered imagination. Everywhere we see the stiff-lines of the ready-made suit, and tariffs probably would strive in vain to induce young men to wear native tweeds and serges in preference to the machine-cut shoddy which has been made the fashionable ideal by the heroes of Hollywood. After the film comes America in the person of its tourists. The good Irish inn is not so abounding as the English, but there are not a few sportsmen's hostelries in the South and West of Ireland which formerly had a homely glamour that now is yielding place to a harsher quality of efficiency. Past the impressive Paps of Dana the conquering magnate travels by motor car or train, anxious that he shall arrive in Killarney at the scheduled minute and in time for dinner. Neither the film nor the American traveller, however, exerts so unsettling an influence as the mail bag. In the United States the emigrant must work as he never worked in Ireland, or starve; and his letters put a brave face on his fortunes. At home his praise of the New World is read without suspicion. To our young people America is El Dorado, and all that comes from it worthy of a respect that they deny to their own country and the older world.

Aftermath of War.

A curious after-effect of the Great War on the economic life of Britain is seen in an inquiry sent out by the British Ministry of Labour. During the war years the birth-rate sank, so that in the years immediately after the armistice there was a disproportionately small number of infants in the population. Thirteen years have passed since the first year of the war, and the national supply of labour is beginning to show a shortage of young recruits. This will be progressively marked for some years to come. It is calculated that in 1933 there will be 419,000 fewer juvenile workers available for employment than in the present year—a decline of 20 *per cent.* This year the number working is 2,175,000; six years hence it will be 1,756,000. After 1933 the supply of juvenile labour will increase temporarily, corresponding with the revival of the birth-rate after the national demobilisation. The Ministry of Labour now is asking local education authorities to co-operate in an inquiry for the purpose of discovering precisely how the supply of juvenile labour will be distributed during the six years of shortage. "Improved methods of production, increased facilities for training and the substitution of adult for juvenile labour may prevent any serious dislocation of industry and trade, but particularly in the Midlands and the South there may be a cumulative shortage of juvenile labour which cannot but hinder the revival or development of trade and industry and may prejudice the prosperity of the communities which the authorities represent." The Ministry accordingly calls for a concerted effort to avoid shortage of juvenile labour in certain areas at a time when there may be a surplus elsewhere "obviously harmful to the unemployed boys and girls." The local authorities are asked to supply, before the end of next month, an estimate of the local shortage or surplus of juvenile labour; and the rough census thus compiled will be passed to the National Advisory Council for Juvenile Employment.

Oil on the Waters.

The rapid ousting of the steamship by the oil-burning motor-ship has created an unforeseen and perplexing problem. This is nothing less than the pollution of the ocean. Oil waste, discharged upon the sea, continues to float upon the waves until ultimately it finds its way to the shore. In congested waters, like the seas around England, the quantity of foul matter thus arriving on the beaches is so considerable that it is said that in thirty English watering-places bathing already has become disagreeable. Sea birds are poisoned and the fisheries suffer. The oyster supply is reported already to have declined through the same cause. As oil-burning ships consume their fuel at sea, they are obliged to rectify the loss of ballast by taking sea water into the empty tanks. When they reach port, or when they are nearing it, they must empty their tanks; and the expelled water ballast carries with it washings of oil amounting to about one *per cent.* in volume, or an average of ten tons *per* vessel. This is the chief source of the pollution, and engineers have striven to devise a means to evade the discharge of waste oil. It is reported that a satisfactory means at last has been contrived. It consists of a mechanical separator through which contaminated ballast water is pumped when the ship is in port, together with a glass silk filter which completes the purification of the fluid. The oil thus is separated and retained while the water is sent overboard. It is no more expensive to pump water through the separator and filter than simply to pump it over the bulwark, so that the oil recovered is pure gain. While the separating plant costs about £1,000, it is estimated to save oil to the value of £30 on every voyage, or—if we reckon three weeks as the average period between replenishments of fuel—half its capital cost every year.

THE FIRST "GOOGLY."

"PLUM" WARNER AND THE "DARNED FOOL."

An amusing story about the "googly" was related by Mr. Pelham ("Plum") Warner in an address on sport at the Guildhouse, Eccleston square, London, last Saturday. He recalled that it was introduced by Bosanquet, and that the first bowled, in Australia in 1904, got the wicket of Victor Trumper, Australia's greatest batsman.

Mr. Warner was captain of the English team, and he said that he had a conference with one of his men on the advisability of putting on Bosanquet, all other attempts to dislodge Trumper having failed. A local barracker shouted, "What are you going to do now, captain? Don't be a darned fool."

Bosanquet's first ball—a "super-googly"—bowled Trumper, and the dead silence which followed was broken when the same barracker roared, "Beg pardon, captain; I'm the darned fool."

BLACKPOOL CHURCH CHOIR RESIGNS.

VICAR WHO WILL NOT BE BROW-BEATEN.

"If I am here for a hundred years, I am not going to be brow-beaten," said the Vicar of St. Paul's Church, North Shore, Blackpool, the Rev. H. C. Parslew, when interviewed yesterday by a Press Association representative regarding the resignation of the adult members of his choir. The choir failed to attend the church Services yesterday, and the boy choristers led the singing. The members of the choir state that they resigned out of sympathy with Mr. J. Hodgetts, the organist and choir director, who sent a letter of resignation to the vicar a few days ago.

The vicar said that he thought the action of the choir was unjustified, as they had not been to him to ask if there was anything to be said on the other side. "I am sure if they had done so I could have put a different complexion on the matter. My position will be made perfectly clear if the organist will show to the choir my reply to his letter to me."

The Church makes a feature of its music, and the Services are largely attended by residents and visitors.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—Anti-cyclones are centred over Iceland and Scandinavia, and from the latter place a ridge of high pressure extends south-westwards and covers the British Isles and most of France. A deep depression remains out on the Atlantic to the North of the Azores. Cold, wintry weather, with further snow at times, will continue, with frost day and night in many places. In the south-west the easterly winds will reach gale force at times.

North-West and North-East Ireland.—South-easterly winds, moderate to strong, stronger at times; occasional snow or sleet; cold; frost locally.

South-East and South-West Ireland.—South-easterly winds, approaching a gale at times; occasional snow or sleet; cold; local frost.

South-West Seaboard.—South-easterly to easterly winds, approaching a gale at times; some snow or sleet; visibility good, deteriorating; sea moderate to rough.

Irish Sea, St. George's Channel and North-West Seaboard.—Winds mainly south-easterly, strong at times locally; occasional snow showers; local coastal mist; sea rather rough locally.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer.				Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hour
		Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.			
13	29.701	39.5	42	39	35	—	—	—
14	29.638	38.6	41	37	34	N.	1.5	0.1
15	30.148	42.0	43	35	32	E.	0.4	—
16	30.356	37.9	42	37	30	S.E.	—	—
17	30.464	36.2	38	36	33	S.E.	—	0.1
18	30.336	33.1	37	33	30	E.	Trace	—

THE SUN.
To-day.... Rises .... 8.36 Sets 4. 7
To-morrow.. " .... 8.37 " 4. 7
Lighting-up Time 5. 7

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.
To-day..... Morning 8. 0 Afternoon 8.26
To-morrow.. " .... 8.51 " 9.15

THE ROYAL BURNHAM YACHT CLUB.

The Burnham Yacht Club, which is mainly composed of London yachtsmen, has been notified by the Home Secretary that the King has approved of the club beink known in future at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club. The club, which was founded in 1895, has a membership of over 300, and owns premises at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

By permission of the King, the Christmas party for the guests of the "Not Forgotten" Association will be held in the Riding School at Buckingham Palace to-morrow afternoon, when the Duke and Duchess of York and many patrons of the Association will be present.

The King and Queen, Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lord Carnegie and Lady Maud Carnegie have sent wedding presents to Lord Glentanar, whose marriage with Miss Grethe Thoresen will take place to-morrow at the Frogner Kirke, Oslo. The bride has received a diamond and chrysoprase pendant from the King and Queen of Norway and the Crown Prince Olaf.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll has left London for Paris *en route* for the South of France. She will join the Duke of Connaught at the Villa Les Bruyères, Cap Ferrat, where she will spend a couple of months.

The Crown Prince of Denmark is fulfilling many social engagements in London, but will leave shortly for Copenhagen. At the dinner party given in his honour by Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare the guests included the Hon. Walter and Lady Evelyn Guinness, Lady Betty Butler, Lady Lettice Lygon, Sir Philip Sassoon, Colonel and Mrs. Clive Wigram, Mrs. Winston Churchill, Colonel and Mrs. Maurice Drummond and Mr. Paul Paget.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles have left Chesterfield House and are now in residence at Goldsborough Hall, where they will spend Christmas. The announcement was gazetted last week of the appointment of Viscount Lascelles to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, in succession to his father, the Earl of Harewood, who resigned the position recently.

The Duke of Atholl is still in a nursing home in Edinburgh, but is reported to be progressing favourably. The Duchess of Atholl is staying at Inveresk Gate, Musselburgh, the residence of Admiral Sir Berkeley Milne, in order to be near her husband.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Huntly will leave London this week for Orton-Longueville, where they will entertain a party for Christmas. Lord and Lady Nunburnholme, who spent their honeymoon on the Riviera, have returned to England, and will spend Christmas at Longleat with the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath. The Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, after a short stay in London, returned last week to Hackwood Park. Lord and Lady Lovat will leave London to-day for Inverness-shire, and will spend the next five or six weeks at Beaufort Castle. Viscount Finlay arrived in London from The Hague last Saturday and will leave this week for Scotland, where he will spend Christmas.

Lady Clodagh Anson has obtained a loan of the Prince of Wales's Theatre for a matinée to-morrow afternoon in aid of the Welcome Canteen in Waterloo road, London, where food is provided for the homeless and destitute. "A Bill of Divorcement" will be produced by Miss Mabel Terry Lewis and a distinguished company.

Dr. Henry Moore has left 58 Fitzwilliam square for two weeks.

Miss Barry will be at 25 Stephen's Green to-morrow (Tuesday).

To look one's best during Christmas-time the hair must be given careful attention. A Permanent Wave is particularly recommended, especially for Ladies who can visit Switzers Hairdressing Salons, where the latest "Eugène" methods are in use. Excellent results are assured, and the charges are strictly standard. ('Phone 4651.)

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For buying Gifts to complete advantage and satisfaction you will appreciate the value and variety in all Departments at Arnotts, of Henry street.

Power and Slattery, 17c Dawson street, are clearing their Winter Coats at from 2½ to 5 guineas this week. Original Dance Frocks from 3 guineas. House Frocks and Jumper Suits from one guinea to clear.

Rose Chiffon Evening Gown with velvet ribbon true lovers' knot and girdle for 5½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Tailored Suits to order from 4½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

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Arrivals—N. M. Heme, J. F. Barry, J. F. Lombard, R.E.; James L. Cathcart, Miss N. S. R. Weir, P. Pelly, A. Webb, R. Tierney, the Archdeacon of Kildare, Sub-Lieutenant D. Pack-Beresford, R.N.; S. P. Beckett, Sir James C. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Duggan, R. Duggan, jun.; Miss A. R. Price, Mr. Justice Doyle, I.C.S.; Mrs. Doyle, Messrs. Brian and Patrick Doyle, Miss H. Brewster, Miss M. Fry, Miss J. Wellwood, Miss R. Clarke, Captain G. B. Cranwell, Miss N. Higgins, B. Armstrong, R. Wood, Mrs. H. O. Mallon, G. Smith, Thomas Bodkin.

Departures—F. Macnamara, Miss G. M. Ross, T. H. Spurgeon, Miss E. M. Lees, Miss K. Dunn, Major Blake Graham, Mr. and Mrs. V. Miley, Mr. and Mrs. James Boydell, James T. Wallace, W. H. Wallace, Miss Kathleen M. Taafe, R. R. Hartford, William R. Nolan.

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Arrivals—Captain F. K. Allen, D. Barry, W. Bodell, Miss P. Whitehead, Miss G. Moeran, Miss H. Waters, Miss E. Bookey, J. Vaux, R. A. Vallance.

Departures—Lady Crofton, R. A. Vallance, J. J. Hastings, G. Watts, T. Fletcher, Captain R. Smith, T. Cowan, W. E. Jones, T. Evans, J. Gordon.

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THE DUCHESS OF ABERCORN.

The Duchess of Abercorn will visit Derry on January 4th next, when she will preside at the annual meeting of the Derry City and County Infirmary Linen Guild, of which she is president.

STAGE WEDDINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Neilson-Terry were present at Paddington Register Office, London, last Saturday, when Miss Blanche Glynne was married to Mr. Wilfred Hyde White. The bride is the sister of Mrs. Neilson-Terry. Mr. Hyde White is actor-manager and assistant stage manager at the Aldwych Theatre.

Mr. Francis Bolton, the young actor manager, and Miss Maisie Bell, an actress who belongs to Newcastle, were married at St. George's, Hanover square on Saturday. Only a few relatives and friends were present, and there were no bridesmaids.

DEATHS.

CLIBBORN—December 16, 1927, at Graham House, Courtfield Gardens, W. Ealing, Mary Louisa, younger daughter of the late Thomas Clibborn, Esq., Hall, Moate, County Westmeath.

MacCARTHY—December 19, 1927, at 37 Whitworth road, Dublin, Mary Philomena (Myra), aged one year, darling and only child of Hugh and Kathleen MacCarthy. Funeral private.

MOONEY—December 18, 1927, at his residence, Tolka Park, Cabra, James E. Mooney. Funeral arrangements later.

LONDON LETTER.

THE PRAYER-BOOK CRISIS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON
SUNDAY NIGHT.

The meetings of the two Houses of Convocation called for this week have been abandoned, and the bishops are to meet at Lambeth Palace to-morrow to consider the position created by the rejection of the Prayer-book measure. Nobody seems to have an idea what will happen in this connection; for every proposal advanced has its drawbacks, and not one wholly meets the circumstances. It may be that the bishops will decide to proceed with those portions of the new Prayer-book which have been received with approval by all sections in the Church, but that seems unlikely, since such a course will mean many months of hard work and routine before a new measure can come before Parliament. In any event, such a revision would be useless for the purpose of maintaining law and order in the Church, since it would not contain the rubric giving the bishops power to licence reservation. This was the kernel of the rejected Book.

The Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is not surprising that there has been much talk since Thursday as to the possibility of the Archbishop of Canterbury's retiring from his great office. It is understood that he has no intention of immediate resignation, although it may be a matter for deep consideration in the spring. The Archbishop, although not very strong, is still vigorous, and mentally is very alert. It is probable that the events of the next few days may help him to decide upon his future. I understand that he is not at all anxious to make any engagements of importance after next March.

The Royal Christmas.

The King and Queen are expected to leave Buckingham Palace on Friday if Parliament is prorogued on Thursday. They will go by special train to Sandringham for the Christmas holiday. The Court is likely to remain in Norfolk until it returns to London for the State opening of Parliament early in February. During the holidays the King and Queen will have their four sons and the Duchess of York and Princess Elizabeth with them. Princess Mary will spend the holiday at her own home in Yorkshire.

The Argentine Minister.

A unique compliment will be paid to Señor Don Angel Gallardo, the Foreign Minister of the Argentine Republic, when he leaves London to-morrow at the conclusion of an official visit. He is to depart from Victoria, and the King has commanded that the Royal waiting-room shall be opened for his use. Never before has this room been used for the departure of a foreign Minister, although it was opened when the European Prime Ministers visited London in connection with the signing of the Locarno Treaty two years ago. Señor Gallardo, who is accompanied by his wife, is proceeding to Brussels and then to Paris. During his stay in London the Señor has been widely entertained, and, with Señora Gallardo, was the guest of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Parliamentary Business.

Parliament is expected to be prorogued on Thursday. The main business of the week will be a general debate on the Consolidated Fund—a measure upon which almost any question can be raised. Progress will be made with a number of non-contentious measures now before Parliament, and it is expected that there will be quite a number of small bills ready to receive the Royal Assent on Thursday. One measure which, it is hoped, will be passed, is the Road Transport Lighting Bill, which will affect every cyclist riding at night by compelling him to carry a light or reflector on the back of his machine. The bill allows the Minister of Transport, if he thinks fit, to prescribe conditions with which the reflector must comply, and the manner in which it is to be attached. In many cases cyclists who now use red reflectors fit them to the back of the mudguard in such a position that they point skyward, and fail to reflect adequately the lights from overtaking traffic.

Ruskin College.

Sir Herbert Nield, M.P., has discovered that the Board of Education contributes to the funds for the upkeep of Ruskin College, the Labour establishment at Oxford, and he is to ask Lord Eustace Percy to state what sum of money is granted out of the public funds to the College, and whether under any and what conditions, and in particular as to the admission of students. It is said that grants have been given to the institution for several years past, in spite of the fact that it was reported by inspectors, after a recent visit, that the College has a definite relation to the Labour movement.

Industrial Peace.

After consideration for several months a turning point has been reached in the negotiations which have been taking place between an important group of employers and leaders in the Labour Party for the purpose of arranging a conference to secure peace in industry. The employers are willing to enter into such a conference, and it will be for the trade union leaders to come to a decision within the next few days. There is reason to believe that the invitation has been favourably received, and that it will be accepted in the spirit in which it was despatched. Once the conference meets, it is likely to sit for some time, since there are so many outstanding points for consideration. It is thought, however, that it can result in nothing but good.

Votes for French Women.

A new campaign in favour of votes for women is to be inaugurated in France. The principle of women's suffrage on several occasions has received the support of the Chamber, but an adverse vote always has been registered in the Senate. The question of votes for women does not cut so directly across ordinary political lines in France as in this country; for it is generally supported by the Right or Conservative groups, and opposed by the Socialists and Radicals on the Left.

Turkey Prices.

The usual uncertainty exists with regard to the prices of turkeys during the week preceding Christmas. A fair trade has been transacted so far at firm prices, and Irish birds have been quoted in the wholesale market at from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 9d. per pound. Prices for the next few days will depend upon supplies as much as upon demand, and both factors are distinctly uncertain. There is an impression that larger supplies from Ireland are yet to arrive, and reports from Paris indicate that three trainloads are to be despatched by the French farmers to arrive in London a few days before Christmas in the belief that prices will by then have hardened. During the week-end prices for French birds range from twopence to threepence a pound below those ruling for the Irish.

Christmastide Motoring.

The annual Christmas run of the Motor Cycling Club, from London to Exeter and back, will start on Tuesday evening, December 27th. This, the thirteenth run of the series, has attracted an entry of 377, an increase of two over last year's figures. As was the case last year, the trial will start and finish at Slough, the total distance being about 330 miles.

Parliament can do something, no doubt, to help at the start, but in the end every industry must stand on its own legs.—Lord Cecil.

ENGLISH BISHOPS TO MEET TO-DAY.

MORE VIEWS ON THE PRAYER-BOOK DECISION.

AN ENGLISH MAJORITY.

LADY LONDONDERRY CRITICISES VOTES OF IRISH MEMBERS.

THE meeting of Convocation, which, in the expectation that the revised Prayer-book would be passed, had been called for this week to give synodical approval to the change, has now been cancelled.

To-day and to-morrow the bishops meet at Lambeth Palace, and, following their conference, the Archbishops will issue a statement, which is awaited by Church people of all shades of opinion with the keenest interest and not a little anxiety.

No immediate decision is expected at the meeting of the bishops; for it is recognised that the present state of affairs calls for the most deliberate and careful survey. There are no signs of despondency on the part of the leaders of the Church, though they do not conceal their disappointment at the set-back which has been given to the work to which many of them have been devoted for upwards of twenty years. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been overwhelmed with letters of support and sympathy, will, of course, preside over the meetings of these next few days. He held an ordination at Lambeth yesterday morning, and is expected to leave London for Canterbury, according to his usual Christmas custom, on Thursday.

It is pointed out that, if the members who sit for Irish, Scottish and Welsh constituencies had not voted, the revised Prayer-book would have been passed by a majority of 23, instead of being defeated by 33.

MORE VIEWS ON THE DECISION.

The following views on the situation were expressed yesterday:—

DR. EDWARD LYTTELTON.—The greatest cause of rejection has been the extraordinary and profound ignorance of what the Church of England is and its message for to-day. The religion of some people seemed to be based on a love of strife. The deepest and strongest of the emotions of a large number of people in this country has been a hatred of the Roman Catholics.

A certain kind of belief in regard to the Sacrament has prevailed among a large body of Englishmen in the last four hundred years, but that is not the view of the Sacrament held by the early Church, nor is it the view of the two other great branches of the Church. That being the case, how can a sect of men claim to be the only possessors of the truth in these most difficult matters? We all of us reverence the words of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. We shall never know the matter in which the Divine life is conveyed to mankind. By their action these people, as far as we can possibly tell, have weakened and crippled the work of the Church at a time when they and the country have been calling upon the Church to spread the principles of love and brotherhood.

One of the dangers of modern life is the weakening of the hold on any moral principle and the lost hold on any law which marks the majority of the rising generation. When a minority openly say they are not going to obey that must do something to increase the terrible danger now upon us.

NOT THE LAST WORD.

THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY (Dr. G. K. A. Bell).—We cannot be surprised that so sudden a calamity as the rejection of the revised Prayer-book should cause perplexity and grief in the minds of many who cared for the welfare of the nation and of the Church, but we must beware of an exaggeration of the crisis. At its present stage it is easier for men to raise the cry that the Church is in danger than to stay the alarm which such a cry arouses.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's moderation had been, and will remain, an example to all. Further, we should not immediately assume that the vote given in the House of Commons was of necessity the very last word it had to say on the subject. There are circumstances in the conduct of the debate which made a verdict for the book unexpectedly difficult. We should certainly not assume that the vote was hostile to religion or to the Church of England.

While deeply regretting the vote and believing it to be wrong, members and ministers of the Church ought to search their hearts to see what reason there might be for the misunderstanding of the Church's position, or for the lessening of its present influence on men who agreed with the majority vote. Though the Church might listen to any warning cry which the State might utter as to whether she interpreted her doctrines aright in the end, the Church must make her own Book of Common Prayer and determine her own revision, whatever form that revision may take.

BREAKING THE LAW.

THE BISHOP OF ELY.—I am not exaggerating when I say that the first impression made upon a diocesan bishop on the rejection of the Prayer-book in the House of Commons is that of paralysing dismay. The measure has been rejected, and we have to face the consequent situation. The position was serious enough at the present moment. There is not a single clergyman who is, strictly speaking, law-abiding. There is not one who can obey the rules and directions of the 1662 Prayer-book, which he is pledged to obey. The difficulty of the bishops has been that we are all, more or less, guilty of irregularity. It is impossible to draw the line between culpable and harmless irregularity, between deliberate and unconscious law-breaking.

COMMONS CRITICISED.

THE BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS (Dr. Michael Furse).—The atmosphere in the House of Commons from start to finish was not of that calm, deliberate and patient consideration which, alike from the seriousness of the subject under discussion and the traditions of the House of Commons, the Church of the nation had a right to expect, and it is difficult to be either patient or charitable. What we object to is that the doctrine of the Church of God should be settled by men who have not been set aside for that purpose in the Church. If the situation was not so desperately serious for the life of the Church, and of the nation, it would be utterly ludicrous.

I do not think that the situation is reasonably just or consonant with the religious tolerance which we thought we had at last learned in a civilised country, nor do I think that it is calculated to promote peace and good-will among men, and the cause of true religion in this land. It is not a situation which any self-respecting religious body anywhere can legitimately be asked to tolerate.

"A SERIOUS SITUATION."

PREBENDARY A. W. GOUGH.—The situation which has arisen is intensely serious, I shrink from that which faces us; for, in the repudiation of Episcopal guidance, we stand in great danger of the swift and eager campaign for the disestablishment of the Church.

This, when the revolutionary atmosphere is still so strong, might be an overwhelming disaster for the nation. But, thank God, we are not a logical people, so that it is possible this disestablishment will not take place, and that there will be confidence in the Church. It is true that there is a great deal which is archaic in our Prayer-book, and that many of our formulas might be improved and brought up-to-date, making it as representative as possible of the devotion and desires of every Churchman. But you cannot have a single Communion Service to suit everyone. You must have an alternative.

There are also people who never will be satisfied with anything which is prepared for them, who must have a foreign model, and put in a good deal which is not native, but extraneous. Personally I stand by the old ways of the Church of England, and I must protest against anything which cuts away from that.

A SUGGESTED REMEDY.

BISHOP HAMILTON BAYNES (Rector of Birmingham Cathedral Church).—How can it be claimed that the Church has any real self-government if the labour of twenty years, resulting in a measure supported by immense majorities in the Church Assembly and in Convocations, and ratified throughout the country by diocesan conferences, approved by the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament, and passed by the House of Lords, can be "turned down" after a single day's debate by the House of Commons.

Any modification of the new Prayer-book will be tainted by being State-dictated. The only remedy seems to be in the direction of making the promised self-government of the Church more a reality, either by making a two-third majority of the Houses of Parliament necessary to reject a measure which has passed the Ecclesiastical Committee or by other similar methods.

THE CELTIC VOTE.

THE REV. DR. R. J. CAMPBELL.—I did not know whether it is realised north of the Tweed that the measure would have passed the House of Commons by a majority of 23 if those members of Parliament only had voted who sit for English constituencies. This majority of 23 was turned into a minority of 33 by the votes of members who sit for Irish, Scottish and Welsh constituencies, which, strictly speaking, had nothing to do with the Church of England. If I may say so without offence, the vote was largely influenced by the eloquent speech of Mr. Rosslyn-Mitchell, the member for Paisley, who is not only not a member of the Church of England, but I am told is a theosophist.

What Paisley has to do with the Prayer-book measure, and what moral right Mr. Rosslyn-Mitchell has to make an impassioned speech against it, is a mystery to me. If the situation had been reversed I am quite sure that the Church of Scotland would not have accepted the decision. The work of twenty-one years has been sacrificed to a snatch vote after a debate of several hours, many of those taking part in the vote being unqualified to pass judgment on the subject.

"THE CHURCH IN TRIBULATION."

THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD (Dr. Linton Smith, D.S.O.).—The Church of England is in tribulation. She is at the present moment suffering disappointment—suffering from a result, and from the refusal, of what she had, at least, a reasonable right to regard as her just claim. Some might say that the Church was not united in the request to pass the Prayer-book measure, and that many churchmen were frankly relieved at the result; also that many congregations would be thanking God that He had answered their prayer and delivered them from the peril that they feared. I cannot, however, believe that the Church as an institution is at the moment stronger for its experience.

The competence of Parliament to deal with questions of this kind had been challenged, and is likely to be further challenged, as the result of the rejection of the measure. Of the legal competence of Parliament there can be no question. As a result of the debate in both Houses, and in spite of the result in the House of Commons, I am less ready than before to challenge the competence of Parliament in other directions. The sincerity of both Houses to come to the right conclusion was obvious, and in neither House did I hear a word spoken, either deliberately or inadvertently, which could reasonably give pain.

The question of the relations between Church and State has been raised acutely, but before the Church demanded, at whatever cost, a complete independence, she must take into consideration that there shall be no hasty demand for disestablishment or disendowment because the Church has suffered.

"I for one am quite ready to face disestablishment and disendowment if such be in the best interests of the nation. I am not prepared to face them simply on the grounds that the Church has suffered,

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MEAT PRICES TOO HIGH.

FOOD TRIBUNAL'S FINDINGS.

DIFFICULT TASK.

BIGGEST PROFIT IN POOR DISTRICTS.

The retail prices of meat in the Irish Free State are excessive by from three halfpence to twopence per pound —in some cases more. This fact was elicited by the Food Prices Tribunal, a summary of whose voluminous report was published in the "Irish Times" of Saturday last.

The result of the Tribunal's investigations into the meat trade are now given below. Intervention by the Prices Board is difficult, owing to the variations in the demands for various cuts according to locality; and for the present the Tribunal thinks that it might be sufficient to indicate the highest price for beef and mutton in accordance with the published market prices.

Meat delivered to the consumer's house, in the opinion of the Tribunal, should be accompanied by a docket stating the weight and the price per pound.

WHAT 69 WITNESSES REVEALED.

BUTCHERS IGNORE MARKET FLUCTUATIONS.

Sixty-nine witnesses on the meat question appeared before the Tribunal, including two producers and fifty-eight butchers.

It must be borne in mind, says the report, that seasonal variations occur in the prices of fat cattle and sheep. Generally it may be stated that from November primary prices begin to rise, reaching their highest about the end of April or the beginning of May. Butchers stated that they did not vary their retail prices in accordance with these seasonal changes, but the practice was by no means universal.

Primary prices in 1926 were substantially lower than in 1925; but the decline in the early part of 1926 was not adequately reflected in retail prices, though the position from the consumer's point of view improved considerably from July, 1926, a date which synchronises with the opening of the Tribunal's investigations.

LACK OF BUSINESS EFFICIENCY.

While little difficulty was experienced in ascertaining retail prices, it was found that outside Dublin the victuallers generally were unable to state accurately cost prices per pound. Except in a few cases, records of cost prices did not appear to be kept. . . . Traders generally were unable or unwilling to state to what average price per pound the scale of retail prices was equivalent. This lack of business efficiency was very much in evidence when the Tribunal required production of accounts.

The practice of having trading results examined by an auditor was confined to the higher-class of victuallers, and their main object appeared to be to meet the demands of the Inland Revenue authorities. Auditors' certificates fell far short of the requirements of the Statute, and were of doubtful value in showing "a true and correct view of the firm's affairs."

The main object of the inquiry was to effect a comparison between prices paid by the consumer and prices received by the producer. In the case of meat this is a matter of involving a long and difficult analysis of the elements which make up the net cost per pound to the butcher and the average price per pound received by him. The live weight of the animal, the dressed carcase weight, the value of the offals, etc., the methods of cutting up the carcase, waste in drying and cutting, and the proportion and prices of the different joints have all to be taken into consideration before a true comparison can be made.

RELATION OF DEAD TO LIVE WEIGHT.

The dressed carcase of a beast, when ready for cutting up for sale, excludes the following items, which have been included in the weight of the beast when bought "on hoof":—Hide and horns, tallow, head, tongue and tail, feet, kidneys, back collop, heart, liver, lungs, windpipe and spleen, blood, stomach, entrails, etc. Among butchers the usual assumption is that the ratio of the weight of the beef alone to the live weight of the animal is four-sevenths, or 57 per cent. Fat beasts fed for show often dressed up to 65 per cent. Taking half a dozen samples, the Tribunal shows that the average value of the offals, etc., per pound of dead weight was 98d. in the case of beef and 2.24d. in the case of mutton. The net cost per pound of meat to the butcher can thus be arrived at with close approximation by deducting from the dead weight cost 1d. per pound in the case of beef and 2d. per pound in the case of mutton.

EVIDENCE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

It is common knowledge that retail prices of mutton and beef vary according to the particular joint or cut purchased, and it is accordingly very important for a true comparison between cost and selling prices to ascertain what proportion of each cut can be obtained from the dressed carcase. The Tribunal experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining evidence on this point. Butchers as a rule do not carry out a costing process to determine retail prices, and methods of cutting vary in different places.

In two cases the following were the results:—

	Case 1.		Case 2.
Percentage of best cuts	28.0	...	22.9
" " second cuts...	51.5	...	52.3
" " rough meat...	19.5	...	17.7
" " waste	1.0	...	7.1
	100	...	100

DUBLIN MEAT TRADE.

RETAIL PRICES TOO HIGH.

Practically all the meat consumed in Dublin is purchased in the Dublin Cattle Market. The Tribunal was of opinion, however, that vendors of foreign meat should be compelled to label it as such, and to state the fact on all accounts and invoices, and they make a recommendation to that effect.

As the majority of fat stock in the Dublin Market, except for a short period of the year, are bought for export to Great Britain prices of stock for home consumption are ruled by the amount of cross-Channel competition, and not by the cost of production.

There are about 370 victuallers' shops in the Dublin Metropolitan area, of which 290 are situated in the city. Most of the butchers have private slaughter-houses, but 75 avail of the Corporation Abattoir, which handles about 230 cattle and 550 sheep per week. In the five months, January to May, 1926, the proportion of cows killed at the Abattoir ranged from 38.7 per cent. to 45.3 per cent., and according to the Superintendent of the Abattoir the trade in cow beef is well defined

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MR. COSGRAVE TO GO TO U.S.A.

TO SEE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

TOUR OF PRINCIPAL CITIES.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

I am officially informed that President Cosgrave and Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Defence, will leave about the middle of next month for the United States, on what is described as "a courtesy visit" of about fourteen days' duration. They will be accompanied, it is expected, by some of the permanent officials, including, possibly, Mr. Joseph Walsh, the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, or Mr. Diarmid O'Hegarty, the Secretary of the Executive Council.

The details of the proposed itinerary have not yet been worked out, but it is tentatively arranged that the party will go to New York, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia and, perhaps, Boston.

Immediately after his arrival in New York the President will proceed to Washington to call on President Coolidge. It is presumed that he will speak at specially arranged functions in the various cities which he visits.

During the last few years the President has received several pressing invitations from representative public men and bodies in the United States to undertake such a visit, but the duties of his office were too many and too pressing to permit of his departure before now.

At present he is having a quiet and well-deserved holiday at his home in Templeogue, a holiday recommended, it should be mentioned, by his medical advisers. Mr. Dermond Fitzgerald and his wife are at present in London.

Mr. de Valera, who left Southampton last Wednesday in the Berengaria, arrives in New York this week.

MR. STIRLING'S NEW HOME.

MOVING TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S LODGE.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The question of the future residence of the new Governor-General seems to be settled by the Free State Government's decision, of which I learned yesterday, to let the Chief Secretary's Lodge to the United States Minister, who apparently has found that the Legation's requirements are not adequately met by the Under-Secretary's Lodge, where it is at present housed.

The Board of Works is now making the Chief Secretary's Lodge ready for the Minister, and it is expected that he will take up residence there, if not this week, immediately after Christmas.

It had been the intention of the Executive Council to make this Lodge the residence of future Governors-General. Mr. Blythe explained in the Dail that the Viceregal Lodge was "a very big house and very costly to maintain" and that the Governor-General's transference to the Chief Secretary's house would enable certain savings to be effected.

It is thought probable that the new Governor-General, Mr. James McNeill, will take up residence in the Viceregal Lodge early next month. I am told incidentally that the choice of his successor as High Commissioner in London has not yet been made by the Government, and that, in all probability, the appointment will not be made for a couple of months.

In the case of the retiring Governor-General, it has been suggested that he will be entitled to a pension. I am informed that this is not so and that the question of a pension payable from either Exchequer will not arise.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

MANCHESTER LANDING PLACE AFFECTED.

The Free State Department of Agriculture are officially informed that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed at a dairy farm in Lymm, Cheshire, and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries have, by Order, prohibited the movement of animals out of, into or within a large area surrounding the infected place.

This area includes the landing place for imported cattle at Manchester; and an effect of the Order is to require all animals at present in the landing place to be therein slaughtered by their owners within five days of time of landing or moved on licence for immediate slaughter within the infected area.

NEW MOTOR RECORD.

15,000 MILES AT 68 MILES AN HOUR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

LINAS, MONTLHERY, Sunday.

Captain the Hon. Victor and Mrs. Bruce concluded their nine-days' run to-day, having covered 15,000 miles in 220 hours 32 minutes 54 38-100 seconds, at an average speed of a small fraction over 68 miles an hour.

A large crowd enthusiastically applauded the performance, which is approximately 12 miles an hour better than the previous record for the same distance, held by Miss Violet Cordery.

FAMOUS AIRMAN'S MOTHER.

MRS. LINDBERGH'S LONG FLIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

It was announced at the State Department to-day that Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh would leave Detroit at 1 a.m. next Monday by aeroplane for Mexico City, to spend Christmas with her son.

Mrs. Lindbergh has made several short flights in an aeroplane in recent months, but she has never attempted such a flight as she will have to face next week over the long mountainous stretches between Detroit and Mexico City. The flight will be one of the longest ever undertaken by a woman.

When the Mexican Ambassador heard of Mrs. Lindbergh's intention over the telephone he was dumbfounded, and could hardly believe his ears.—(Reuter.)

THE UGLIEST MAN IN AUSTRALIA.

COMPETITION THAT PRODUCED £18,000.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

SYDNEY, Sunday.

A novel competition, organised to raise funds for the Limbless Soldiers' Association, has brought fame to Mr. Doyle, a cinema actor, who has been elected Australia's ugliest man by a ballot of four million voters. Among the well-known Australians who have gained a high place in this "beauties' competition" are Mr. William Hughes, the famous war Premier of the Commonwealth; J. M. Gregory, the Australian cricketer; Sir Samuel Hordern, and Sir Arthur Rickard. The competition has produced £18,000 for the Limbless Soldiers' Association.

TRAPPED IN A SUBMARINE.

SIX MEN ALIVE.

RAMMED IN A FOG BY DESTROYER.

TAPS ON THE HULL.

DIVERS' ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

One of the most powerful submarines of the United States Navy, the S.4, was rammed by the American destroyer Paulding last Saturday afternoon, during a thick fog, at the entrance to Provincetown Harbour, and sank immediately in 100 feet of water.

There are between forty and forty-five officers and men on board. One of the fleet of rescue boats that was despatched to the scene of the accident returned to Provincetown yesterday, and reported that one of the divers who had been sent down to the submarine heard tappings inside it, which he described as like oscillating signals. This report, however, could not be immediately confirmed.

SIX MEN ALIVE.

A message this morning from Reuter's Correspondent at Washington states that the Navy Department announces that divers have found six men alive in the torpedo room of the submarine.

Air is being pumped into the submarine and conversation has been established between the divers and the men in the torpedo room by means of hammer knocks on the hull.

DESTROYER DAMAGED.

UNABLE TO GIVE HELP.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PROVINCETOWN (MASS.), Sunday.

To-day divers are on the scene. They began their salvage operations at dawn, but were considerably handicapped owing to the rough sea. The wreck was located at about midnight by a coastguard boat, which reported the submarine to be in about a hundred feet of water. Coastguard destroyers were many hours searching the sea with searchlights before locating the wreck.

Running along the surface of the sea, only partly submerged in preparation for entering the harbour, the S.4, which was one of the most powerful submarines in the American Navy, disappeared completely from view in a smear of oil, after the coastguard vessel had plunged through the conning tower of the craft, while the destroyer, crippled by the blow, and unable to risk remaining in the vicinity, was barely able to make the nearest beach before sinking. The Paulding is now high and dry on the shore near Provincetown Harbour.

A SEVERE LOSS.

The loss of the ship is a severe blow to the United States Navy, for the S.4 was an important unit in the undersea craft service. The fact that it is the second disaster suffered in this vicinity, and to vessels of the same class also, makes the loss peculiarly unfortunate. The S.51 was rammed and sunk on September 25th, 1927, during a fog, by the City of Rome, twenty miles off Block Island, in Long Island Sound, with a loss of thirty-seven officers and men.

Dredging crews in tugs were immediately despatched to search for the sunken submarine. It is believed that the vessel was flooded immediately that the smash came, leaving the crew no time to shut themselves off in any compartment. The accident occurred at 3.45 p.m., and the Provincetown Radio Station, ten minutes later, had a flash from the wireless operator of the Paulding that the S.4 had gone down, and that the Paulding, which was itself leaking, was attempting to make shore.

LIKE A FLASH.

The vicinity of the disaster, despite the fog, was located, and within an hour after the sinking fishermen and tug crews were scouring the muggy surface of the sea for signs of the unfortunate sailors, or any evidence of the ship itself, but all efforts were fruitless. Officers on board the Paulding, which sustained a ripped bow and torn port side, declare that they did not see the S.4 until it was crashing under the bows, and that none of them heard the fog siren of the S.4 if it was sounding, as should have been the case in such weather.

"We were steaming along at reduced speed, making our usual patrol of the coast, when the crash came," one officer stated. "I myself was on the bridge when the collision occurred, and I did not see the S.4 until I heard the crash. I heard a yell from our man in the "crow's nest," rushed to the side and could just make out the tail of the submarine. We cut right through the conning tower, as far as I can make out. I caught no sign of anybody on board, and I believe that the conning tower was closed when the crash came."

THE LOOK-OUT'S STATEMENT.

Others on board the Paulding made similar statements. The look-out in the "crow's nest" reported that, though he was maintaining his usual vigilance, he did not know anything about the submersible till he heard the crash. According to him the destroyer ploughed right through the U boat, unable to cut down its momentum. It was impossible to turn back to search for survivors; for the Paulding itself was in a sinking condition.

It has not, however, been determined why the Paulding did not put off at least one small boat to make a search before steaming from the vicinity. The S.4 put out from New London on Saturday morning for a short spin up the coast to Provincetown, from where it was scheduled to return.

It is presumed that the submarine made most of the trip under water, probably just below the surface, and it had come up to the surface to enter the harbour when the crash came.

CREW BELIEVED TO BE ALIVE.

Another indication that life still exists among the forty men immured in the S.4 comes from submarine S.8, which, from a position near by to-day, reported to Rear-Admiral Brumby, in charge of the submarine fleet, that one of their crew has heard signals from the submarine, and has been making attempts to get into communication with the entombed crew by signals.

EDUCATIVE CINEMAS.

LISBON (By Mail).

The Italian Government has invited the Portuguese Government to collaborate in creating an international institute of educative cinemas. The institute is to be divided into various sections, which will occupy themselves with agricultural propaganda and the production of films for the teaching of history, geography, biological sciences, hygiene, etc.—(Reuter.)

By 1932, at the present rate of increase, everybody in America will be beyond the reach of poverty.—Mr. Hoover.

LATE NEWS.

A NEW YORK SEWER CONTRACT.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF "GRAFT."

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Sunday.

Allegations of "graft" in the Borough of Queens on a scale comparable only with that in the days of the notorious Boss Tweed have led the New York State and City authorities to begin four separate investigations into the laying of sewers in that borough at a cost of $16,000,000 (£3,200,000). In addition 75,000 taxpayers in the borough are preparing to bring suits against Mr. Maurice John M. Phillips, the alleged head of the "sewerpipe ring," and others, for the restitution of the huge sums which the work has cost in excess, it is asserted, of fair and reasonable charges.

Mr. Smith, the Governor of New York State, has appointed one of the Justices of the State Supreme Court, Mr. Townsend Scudder, to hear the charges against Mr. Connolly, and has promised to remove him from office if they are sustained. The charges of "graft" are based upon the allegation that a certain patented type of pipe was specified in the contracts for the sewers which were drawn up by the city engineers, with the knowledge that only Mr. Phillips's associates could supply such a pipe. The scandal has much more than a local importance, since it bears obliquely on the chances of Governor Smith for the Democratic Presidential nomination next year.

The authorities in Queens are of the same political party as the Governor, and while Mr. Smith's personal character is of the highest, the case is generally considered a blot on Tammany Hall, of which organisation Mr. Smith is a member, and will be advertised throughout the nation to his great disadvantage.

RANGOON EARTHQUAKE.

DAMAGE OVER A WIDE AREA.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

RANGOON, Sunday.

A sharp earthquake of eight seconds' duration occurred at 2.30 yesterday morning and caused damage over a wide area. The walls of many buildings were more or less damaged, and the upper portion of the historic Sule Pagoda was badly cracked.

The earthquake was preceded by a rumbling and hissing sound, which ended in an explosion. According to some observers, the hissing and the explosion were caused by a brilliant meteor which happened to accompany the earthquake.

Whatever the cause, the people were greatly alarmed and rushed into the streets in their night clothes, many remaining there during the remainder of the night. It was a novel sight to see numerous houses in Rangoon lighted up from 2.30 a.m. till daylight.

MORE SCHOOL FIRES IN QUEBEC.

MANIACAL ACTIVITIES SUSPECTED.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

TORONTO, Saturday.

The heroic work of nuns prevented another tragedy last night, when the St. Louis Academy and the St. Jean Berchman's Boarding School for Boys in Quebec City were badly damaged by fire.

In the midst of one of the worst blizzards ever known the community of 145 boys and the staff of nuns were driven into the streets as the flames swept through the six-storey building. Several were injured, but no lives were lost.

Police vigilance over Catholic institutions has been redoubled following on the two last fires and the reports that maniacal activities are responsible for the fires. All outgoing trains are being inspected by detectives.

CHINA AND MOSCOW.

A MATTER OF SPECULATION

In an editorial article upon the position in China and the Note from Tchitcherin handed to the Nationalist Vice-Minister for Foreign affairs in Shanghai on Saturday, *The Times* observes—What will happen next is, as usual, a matter of speculation on very insufficient data. Li Fuh Lin has taken charge of the combined Kuomintang troops at Canton, but there is still disorder in the neighbourhood. The "Whites" are said to have committed a terrible butchery on re-occupying the city, and probably the local "Reds" who have survived may be overawed for a long time if not altogether. The situation at Nanking is still harder to appreciate. There have been great efforts to reunite the Nanking Government. The recall of Chiang Kai-shek from the voluntary exile to which he resorted in August is a sign how deeply the necessity of uniting the party is felt. He announced on Saturday—apparently some hours before the Communists rose in Canton—that the Kuomintang Conference had given orders to close the Soviet Consulates in Nationalist territory. Whether this drastic course has been actually taken anywhere outside Canton and Shanghai is not as yet known, but there is still a Communist section in the inner circle of the Nanking group of the Kuomintang. Without military support they are impotent, as are all civilian politicians in China, and Chang could afford to despise any opposition they might offer to his anti-Bolshevist policy.

Unfortunately, the military politicians are even less united than the civilians. The division is, indeed, so acute, that whenever one general threatens to rise above his comrades they immediately do unite to overthrow him. Then they fall asunder again. Fear of the consequences of their challenge to the U.S.S.R.—a fear which must be intensified now that Russians and Russian officials have been outraged and killed at Canton—may either draw the various groups and factions together or it may widen their divisions. The mere knowledge of what forty-eight hours of "Red" supremacy have cost Canton may also tend to strengthen Chiang Kaishek's position as a declared foe of Bolshevism. There is no public opinion common to China which is wholesome and effective. The development of such an opinion would be her best remedy for the ills which have tortured her so cruelly and so long.

It is astonishing that, with this fresh demonstration before their eyes of the dangers to which our countrymen and countrywomen in China are exposed, the Labour Party should be asking why soldiers are there, and how long they are going to stay there; that its representatives should talk of their despatch as "an unhappy and dangerous escapade," and urge their recall. Our soldiers are in China to protect British lives and property. Canton is one more proof that the continuation of this protection is imperative, and, doubtless, it will be continued just so long as it is indispensable.

THE NEW COMET.

PROBABLY VISIBLE TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

London's view of the new comet, which should have been visible over the Western horizon last night, was obscured by a smoky haze. Better results may be hoped for today and to-morrow (Tuesday), according to Dr. W. H. Steavenson, the President of the British Astronomical Society.

The new comet has been observed in the Southern hemisphere by watchers in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and South America, and on Friday last it was seen in Germany. If conditions had been favourable it would have been visible in London between four and half-past six last evening.

"The haze spoilt the view; otherwise I think we should have seen it," said Dr. Steavenson to a Press representative.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROBABLE.

SNOWFALL ALL OVER EUROPE.

WINTER SPORTS IN FULL SWING.

Dublin had its first snowfall yesterday, but it was hardly visible—just a thin suggestion of drifting flakes, which was of very brief duration. This occurred about 11.30 a.m., when the temperature was about four degrees above freezing point, causing the faint powdery snow to vanish almost before it was seen.

Those who experienced the numbing cold of the last few days will be surprised to learn that the lowest temperature recorded in the city was 35 degrees, which is three degrees above freezing point. The explanation of the biting character of the Easterly wind which prevailed lies not so much in its temperature as in its relative humidity. This wind was very dry, its relative humidity being 60 per cent., as against a normal 85 per cent. Consequently the evaporation from the body was more rapid, producing a marked sensation of coldness.

Six minutes of sunshine were recorded in Dublin yesterday and on Saturday. Indications at present point to a continuation of cold wintry weather in all parts of Ireland, with a possibility of further snow.

The severe weather now extends over nearly the whole of Europe, and there is no sign of any break. Snow fell yesterday morning as far South as Rome, where the temperature was at freezing point.

BELOW ZERO IN ABERDEENSHIRE.

The frost grew still more intense over most of Great Britain yesterday, and in many districts it was the coldest day for several years. In the highlands of Aberdeenshire the temperature was reported to have fallen early yesterday morning to the extremely low level of 3 degrees below zero, or 35 degrees of frost. The lowest readings of the sheltered thermometer officially reported to the British Air Ministry was 9 degrees at Nairn, but the instruments exposed on the ground dropped to 8 degrees, or 24 degrees of frost, at Winchester and Lympne.

The heaviest snowstorm of the winter occurred on the East Yorks Wolds yesterday morning, and, while frost is general, the Scottish Highlands are suffering an exceptionally cold period, 34 degrees of frost being registered at Braemar.

Some stretches of water in England were so thickly covered with ice that skating was in full swing yesterday.

SWAN DROPS DEAD IN FLIGHT.

Many people tested the ice on the lake in Abington Park, Northampton, yesterday. There were a few good stretches, but weak places in shallow parts, and at different times thirty skaters broke through and received a wetting. Children obtained great enjoyment from tobogganing on the slopes of the park.

Very fine snow fell in Leeds and district yesterday following a night of hard frost. Ponds and stretches of open water were frozen over.

A swan evidently in flight from its own accustomed, but frozen, waters fell dead at the feet of a policeman patrolling the Wortley district. It was probably making for the open water at Kirkstall Abbey.

RACING POSTPONED.

Owing to frost it was decided to postpone Monday's racing at Derby until Tuesday and to abandon Tuesday's card.

Snow fell for several hours in Exeter and district yesterday. A partial thaw followed, but during the afternoon a severe frost set in.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

COLOGNE, Sunday.

With another fall of ten inches of new snow, winter sports in all the highlands within easy distance of Cologne are in full swing. Sauerland, Bergischeland, the Siebengebirge Westerwald and the Eifel will be as crowded during the Christmas holidays as they are in the summer, as special trains are being run to all these hilly and mountainous districts.

The temperature also has fallen considerably, and twenty-four degrees of frost have been registered.

One of the best places for winter sport, especially for racing toboggans or bobsleighs, is the Nurnburg Ring, the seventeen miles motor racing track in the Eifel, which is absolutely ideal for snow sport. It has 274 curves, most of them banked for speed, and has one great gradient that challenges the famous Cresta Run for excitement.

FIRST SNOW IN CANNES SINCE 1895.

CANNES, Sunday.

Cannes is experiencing the rare phenomenon of a snowfall of from ten to fourteen inches, a spectacle without parallel since 1895.

PARIS, Saturday.

After a spell of cold, damp weather, in which rain has mingled with sleet, France seems to have settled down to real Christmas cold, with a brilliant blue sky and the thermometer well below freezing point. Many parts of the countryside are covered with snow, and Chamonix is rejoicing, for the recent falls have provided a depth of six inches, and the skating rink and toboggan runs are being prepared for the army of tourists who will shortly arrive for the winter sports.

In Paris the cold is fairly sharp, the thermometer remaining below freezing point all day, and marking 23 degrees Fahrenheit (9 degrees of frost) at night. At Valenciennes the mercury fell to 11 degrees Fahrenheit. The cold is general, and only the South has escaped, Nimes and Toulon both registering a maximum temperature of 55 degrees, and a minimum of 43.

ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC AT THE VATICAN.

TO-DAY'S CONSISTORY.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Saturday.

The Pope to-day received in audience Monsignor R. M. Rouleau, Archbishop of Quebec, who has arrived here for Monday's Secret Consistory, at which he is to be created a Cardinal. Monsignor Rouleau thanked the Pope warmly for the honour, which he considers as one conferred upon Canada, rather than himself. The Pontiff answered that he had wished to reward Monsignor Rouleau's personal merits while at the same time satisfy the desires frequently expressed by his Canadian children.

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VETERAN ENGLISH SPORTSMAN.

79 YEARS FOLLOWING HOUNDS.

INITIATED 69 YEARS AGO.

Essex disputes Rutlandshire's claim to possess England's oldest hunting man. Mr. Samuel Fitch, of Stonard's Farm, Epping, and Mr. Henry Finch, of Oakham, Rutland, are both 85 years of age, and active followers of the hounds. Essex claims that Mr. Fitch was first seen in the hunting field at the age of six—79 years ago—whereas Mr. Finch started when he was eight—77 years ago.

Mr. Samuel Fitch is at present confined to his room at Stonard's Farm owing to a mishap when riding with the Essex hounds. Crossing a wet field his horse slipped and fell. Mr. Fitch was thrown, but escaped with bruises. He has since been under treatment, but hopes to be fit to take the saddle behind the Essex hounds again next week.

"There is no doubt that Mr. Fitch began riding at six years of age," said a friend of Fitch. "It is common knowledge among the Essex hunt."

AS KEEN AS EVER.

A record of the Essex hunt, giving an account of Mr. Fitch, says:—"It was not until 1858 that this boy (he was sixteen years of age then) was fully initiated into the 'mysteries' of hunting. The 'rites' were performed where the hunt had killed their fox at Stapleford Tawney, Essex."

"I am only 83," Mr. Fitch said two years ago, "so hope to see some sport yet in Essex."

Mr. Fitch is a man of the sturdy farmer type. He gave up farming a couple of years ago.

"Despite his age, he was as good as the best of them," said one who knows his skill and courage in the saddle. "Though hunting with much younger people, he was always in front of them and as near to the hounds as he could get.

"Will he give up hunting after this accident? Certainly he will not. He's waiting impatiently to get back.

"He is as keen now as he was when he began."

SCURRILOUS LETTERS TO CLERGYMEN.

"SHEER INHUMANITY AND INDECENCY."

The Rev. C. E. Morton, rural dean of Leamington, preaching at Leamington yesterday morning, said that there had been an epidemic of anonymous and scurrilous letters to clergymen and others in Leamington. The height of the campaign was reached when a letter was written to the Vicar of Leamington on the day of his son's funeral. A quotation of one extract would be enough to fill all decent-minded people with disgust, and he hoped to prevent such a thing happening again. It was as follows:—

"What a spectacle of illegal ritualism, how dishonouring and offensive to Almighty God! Let the dead bury their dead. Would not one clergyman have been sufficient for this, and would not the other have been better engaged?"

The writer of the letter said that he had heard the words "a circus" and "a topping show" applied to the funeral.

Describing the sending of such a letter and the bandying about of such phrases as sheer inhumanity and indecency, the rural dean said that the only deviation from the prescribed Funeral Service on the occasion referred to was the use of the 119th Psalm, instead of the 39th or 90th.

WOMAN ATTACKED IN HER HOME.

SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Mrs. Duke, wife of a railway inspector, is lying dangerously ill in the Royal Cornwall Infirmary at Truro following an attack upon her in her home last Saturday. Soon after her husband had gone to work a man, it is alleged, went to her house, and, asking for a letter her husband had left, followed her into the diningroom and struck her on the head several times with some weapon, felling her to the ground. She screamed, and her assailant decamped. Mrs. Duke was found covered with blood from injuries to the head, neck and nose.

Later a man was arrested and remanded until Wednesday on a charge of attempted murder.

GUN FIRED AT GAMEKEEPER.

GIPSY BOY ARRESTED.

When approached by a gamekeeper at Warren Farm, near Ware, Hertfordshire, on Saturday morning a gipsy lad, it is alleged, fired a gun, and a number of shots flew past the gamekeeper's side.

Later in the day a lad was arrested at Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, in connection with the affair, and charged with attempted murder. He will be brought before the Beaconsfield magistrates to-day.

ASYLUM DOCTOR'S SALARY.

INCREASE LEADS TO CHAIRMAN'S RESIGNATION.

The Very Rev. M. Canon MacDonald, P.P., V.F., Newport, Chairman of the Mayo Mental Hospital Committee, tendered his resignation as Chairman and as a member of the Committee at the monthly meeting last Friday. His action was a sequel to an attack made on the Committee at a recent meeting of the County Council in connection with the increase in salary of £115 given to Dr. Alfred Sheridan, resident medical superintendent.

Canon MacDonald, in tendering his resignation, referred to the misrepresentation of the action of the majority of the Committee. He pointed out that, while the salaries of the subordinate staff and tradesmen were increased over 300 per cent. on the 1914 standard, the salary of the resident medical superintendent was little over that paid to Dr. Sheridan's predecessor in 1914.

Mr. T. Walsh, who is a member of the County Council, also handed in his resignation, and said that it would be a great blow to the institution that the Very Rev. Chairman should sever his connection with it.

Mr F. J. Loftus, also a County Councillor, who led the opposition to the increase of Dr. Sheridan's salary, said that he regretted that any action of his should be the cause of the action of the Chairman in resigning.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED IN BED.

Miss Jane Wood (62), of Nelson street, Weaste, near Manchester, was found dead in bed early on Saturday by firemen, who discovered the room full of smoke and the bedclothes smouldering. Although Miss Wood was badly burned she is believed to have been suffocated. Since her brother died two weeks ago she had been living alone.

The fire was first noticed by a neighbour. Two police officers forced an entry, but were unable to enter the bedroom owing to smoke, although they made repeated efforts.

WELSHMAN'S DEATH IN DUBLIN.

A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned at an inquest in Dublin on Saturday last on John Jones, aged 55, who was found dead in bed at his mother's house in Lennox street. The evidence was that the deceased man, who was an ex-British soldier, came from his home in Cardiff two years ago for the benefit of his health, and that death was the result of congestion of the lungs.

LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL.

In our advertising columns will be found a remarkable list of the successes achieved by the Londonderry High School pupils at examinations held for the school year 1926-27.

WONDERS OF BEAM WIRELESS.

MESSAGFS TO AMERICA AT 200 WORDS A MINUTE.

From A Special Correspondent.
DORCHESTER, Saturday.

In a silent room, thirty feet square, on a wind-swept Dorset moor, I watched to-day messages being transmitted to New York and Rio de Janeiro at the rate of two hundred words a minute. It was the transmitting station of the Marconi beam wireless service to North and South America, where, with a power of only fifteen kilowatts, messages can be flashed round the world in one-seventh of a second. Outside seven steel towers, 227 feet high, carry vertical aerials; behind them are the reflecting wires, which are a central feature of the beam system, concentrating the wireless waves in one direction.

THE TRANSMITTING ROOM.

In the transmitting room ten valves, hidden in oil-baths, glowed faintly. The small "brr-brr-brr", of the tiny transmitting relay sending machines, automatically controlled by land lines from London, was the only sound. A small metal tongue in the sender vibrated rapidly as an operator in London fed messages into the circuits. Ammeters flickered, and in New York, three thousand miles away, a second operator read off the message. The current passing into the aerial was between eight and ten amperes less than is used on some motor car lighting circuits.

"We are using a sixteen-metre wave for America," Mr. R. N. Vyvyan, engineer-in-chief to the Marconi Company, told me, "and twentyfour aerial wires in each bay. Behind each aerial wire is its reflector wire, placed one-quarter the wave-length away. This makes the wire send back the wave in the direction of the beam in phase with the other part of the signal, which has not been reflected. At each end of the bay the reflectors are brought round to prevent the beam spreading.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

"We have had some strange experiences. The other day conditions were exceptionally good. When we found there was blurring on the tapes we investigated and discovered the message was repeating itself. It had gone right round the world, and we were receiving it twice. Then we even got a third reception, each a fraction of a second later than the other, so that the message went round the world two and a half times. Messages from North and South America and Egypt are received at a new Marconi station at Somerton."

GIRL BANDIT GOES TO PRISON.

LAWYER HUSBAND'S PLEA FOR DEATH PENALTY.

LAGRANGE (TEXAS), Saturday.

Mrs. Rebecca Rogers, a pretty young girl, known as the "Girl Robin Hood," was to-day found guilty of bank robbery, and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The case has aroused much interest in view of the social prominence of the defendant, who was formerly a student of the University of Texas.

She was defended by her husband, a rising young lawyer, who, in the course of an impassioned plea to the jury, begged them to condemn her to death rather than degrade her by sending her to prison.

The specific crime for which she was convicted was committed a year ago, when, at the point of a revolver and wearing a mask, she held up two bank officials, and got away with thousands of dollars. The money, however, was recovered later.—(Reuter.)

THROUGH FRENCH GLASSES.

IMPRESSIONS OF LONDON AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

PARIS, Saturday.

An amusing picture of London in the busy days just before Christmas is given in the *Intransigeant*, by a writer who has evidently just returned from "so near and yet so far." The article, by its accumulation of small details, gives a vivid picture of the difference between the two capitals. What strikes the writer above all is the mingling of dignity, good manners, grace, haphazardness and carelessness; but above all, he declares, dignity predominates. He describes the hurry, in muddy streets; the Russian boots pulled over the light silk stockings, a sight never seen in Paris; the love of sensational details, exemplified in the issuing of special editions of the papers to describe a crime.

"The love of poetry and the taste for crime are inherent in the British," the writer declares. "They have also an extraordinary taste for journalism; three times an hour editions are issued giving half-time football results." He considers that in the matter of motor cars in general Britain is a good four years behind France.

On the other hand, describing Christmas shopping, he cannot say too much for the cheap stores, where all kinds of useful and ornamental commodities can be bought for a few pence—far more cheaply than in France. The windows of the big shops, he decides, are less well set out than in Paris, but are better lit up. Among the joys of the Christmas holidays, he includes the Zoo, describing the new Serpent House as a veritable marvel.

The article ends on a sombre note, with a reference to employment: "Brilliant, gentle England, where the pudding is always boiling for Christmas, under the red holly berries, has not work for everyone—and there will be poor in the streets at Christmastide."—(Reuter.)

MAIL VAN ROBBED.

LETTERS WORTH £400 CARRIED AWAY.

A mail bag, stolen from a post office van at Ilford, Essex, on Saturday night, was found empty in a lane close to the office some time after the discovery of the theft.

It is estimated that the registered letters and parcels taken from the bag are worth £400.

WEST COAST DISASTER NATIONAL (RELIEF) FUND.

Outdoor Branches of Irish Lights Staff; Irish Lighthouse Keepers' Association £54 11 0
Lightshipmen—Kish, £1 4s.; Codling, 16s.; Arklow, 16s.; Blackwater, 16s. 6d.; Lucifer, £1; Barrels, 15s.; Coningbeg, 15s.; Daunt, £1 8s.; Skukmartin, £2; South Rock, 16s. 6d.; Commander ss. Ierne, £1 14s. 6d.; Skipper M. T. Nabro, £1 5s.; J. Kavanagh, workmen at Mizzen Head, £1 3s.; Superintendent District Stores, £4 2s. 6d. £73 3 0
Miss Mary Burke and Mother (per Rev. J. Diskin, Adm.) 2 0 0
Per Father Greally, C.C., Balla 0 7 0
Contributions from Funds of Councils in No. 1 Province Order of Knights of St. Columbanus, per Provincial Treasurer 48 19 0

ADVENT ORDINATION.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Church of St. Mary, Southampton, Mr. William E. Hopkins, Mod., B.A., T.C.D., of Dublin, ex-Auditor of the College Historical Society, was ordained to the Holy Order of Deacon by the Bishop of Winchester, for the Parish of St. Stephen, Guernsey. The Ordination preacher was the Archdeacon of Winchester, and Mr. Hopkins was chosen as Gospeler.

AGED MAN DIES IN THE STREET.

Mr. William Walker, eighty years of age, of Derwentwater terrace, Armley, Leeds, while walking briskly along the Cardigan road, collapsed, and when picked up was found to be dead.

BALLYBAY CATTLE FAIR.

Ballybay (Co. Monaghan) fair was held last Saturday. Cattle moved up a little in price. Store cattle, 1 to 1½ years old, £8 to £11; two-year-olds, £12 to £14. Calves, 6 to 8 months, £6 to £7. Beef, 30s. to 35s. per cwt. live weight. Springers, £21 to £27. Milchers, £18 to £22. Pigs—Suckers, £3 to £4 10s. per pair. Farm horses, £20 to £26.

THE PRAYER-BOOK.

(Continued from Page 7, Column 3.)

or that only in a position of complete independence can she realise her true life.

"I believe that the verdict of the House of Commons very accurately represents the general attitude of the nation as a whole, but that is not to say that the general attitude of the nation is right. I believe that the nation is Protestant at heart, and that the Church, while truly Catholic, is a Protestant Church, and is the more truly Catholic for being so. I cannot conceal the fact that I am glad that such is the case.

"I readily recognise the services which the Catholic element have rendered to the Church, but the claims which a good many representatives of that side of Church life have made, and are making, to dominate the whole life of the Church cannot be justified on historic lines, and, if they were made successfully, they would, in my opinion, be disastrous. I regret the decision of the House of Commons intensely, not simply because I think it was a decision based on lack of adequate information, but because it has, for the time being, robbed the Church of a real safeguard to its true Protestant position, so far as the Reformation settlement made the Church Protestant."

NORTHERN M.P.'S CRITICISED.

LADY LONDONDERRY'S LETTER.

The Northern Ireland members of Parliament who voted for the rejection of the new Prayer-book are criticised by Lady Londonderry in a letter to the London "Evening Standard." She writes:—

The House of Commons has thought itself competent, in the course of a few hours in the afternoon and evening of last Thursday, to reject the new Prayer-book.

We are entitled to ask: Who are the people who have risked such a deplorable conclusion, and of whom is the majority of thirty-three composed? We note the name of the Viscountess Astor, a Christian Scientist; also that of Mr. Lloyd George, a Welsh Nonconformist. There follows the name of Mr. Barr, a Scottish Presbyterian minister.

Then there is also Mr. Saklatvala: what he is the writer knows not—but he is certainly not a member of the Church of England.

Next there is the whole body of the Ulster members, thirteen in all. These members of the House of Commons are also members of a sister Church, the Church of Ireland, whose Services and ritual, at the time of the Disestablishment of the Irish Church, were framed and designed to meet the needs of the people of Ulster and other Irish Protestants and Puritans.

I cannot but feel—sad as I am to differ from my Ulster friends—that the better, and certainly fairer, course would have been to abstain from voting on a measure which does not affect or primarily concern them. Such a course was adopted by the Roman Catholic Peers in the House of Lords.

The Liberal Party is reported, with the exception of two members, to have voted against the Book. Many members of the select band of Liberals are Scottish, and presumably not members of the Church of England. It is all the more regrettable that Presbyterians and Nonconformists should vote against the measure, as we know from the Archbishop of York's speech last Thursday that the leaders of those two influential Churches are in favour of the new Book.

I would, therefore, strongly urge that the Proyer-book measure be brought in again, as it stands, at some future date.

Because our Bishops of the Church of England, with the whole weight of authority behind them, are more competent to judge of the needs of Churchmen and Churchwomen, than people of other Churches and sects.

Because the majority was largely influenced or obtained through methods which involved "a great campaign of propaganda, sparing neither effort nor expense."—(From *The Times* of December 16th.)

Because the time devoted to discussion was far too short for such a subject, in which to remove doubts caused through ignorance and from narrow and mediæval religious views.

Because the majority, which was only thirty-three, was largely composed, if not entirely, by the votes of members belonging to other Churches, or from those who are not of the Christian faith.

The House of Commons will realise on reflection that it has acted hastily. It will repent at leisure and reverse the decision, which would never have been given had not such unseemly haste prevailed. The verdict given neither redounds to its credit nor will it promote the cause of Protestantism or peace.

OBITUARY.

LORD LAWRENCE OF KINGSGATE.

Lord Lawrence of Kingsgate, a former chairman of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, died in London on Saturday after a short illness at the age of 72. Lord Lawrence's association with the group of railways now merged in the London, Midland and Scottish Railway extended over forty-two years, during which he was vice-chairman of the London and North-Western Railway from 1904, deputy-chairman from 1912, and chairman from June, 1921. He continued to act as chairman until 1924 of the newly formed London, Midland and Scottish, when he was succeeded by Sir Guy Granet. Lord Lawrence was chairman of the Royal Commission on Health Insurance in 1924. His father, the first Lord Lawrence, of the Punjab, was an eminent Indian administrator. His brother, General Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence, was Chief of the General Staff to Earl Haig during 1918 and 1919.

GENERAL C. L. SMITH, V.C.

A British officer's gallant fight against fanatical Dervishes in Somaliland, in an attempt to save the lives of two of his companions, is recalled by the announcement of the death at Alassio of Brigadier-General Clement L. Smith, V.C., M.C. The attempt for which he was awarded the V.C. occurred at Jidballi on January 10, 1904, and was thus described in the *London Gazette*:—"The enemy made a determined rush and got right amongst our men. Lieutenant Smith, Somali Mounted Infantry, and Lieutenant J. R. Welland, M.D., Royal Army Medical Corps, went out to the aid of a hospital assistant who was wounded. The enemy's advance was so rapid that the move failed, and the assistant was killed. Lieutenant Smith then did all that any man could do to save Dr. Welland, helping him to mount a horse, and, when that was shot, a mule. This also was hit, and Dr. Welland was speared by the enemy. Lieutenant Smith stood by Dr. Welland to the end, and when that officer was killed was within a few paces of him, endeavouring to keep off the enemy with his revolver."

A WRITER'S ESTATE.

Mr. John St. Loe Strachey, of Harrowhill Copse, Newlands Corner, Guildford, and of Chester square, London, editor and principal proprietor of the *Spectator*, formerly editor of the *Cornhill Magazine*, and author of several novels, who died on August 26, aged 67, left estate of the gross value of £30,988 7s. 8d., with net personalty nil.

Probate of his will, dated November 10, 1926, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Mary Amy Strachey, the sole executrix. He left all his Ordinary shares in The Spectator, Ltd., to his son and daughter in equal shares, and all his other property to his wife absolutely.

THE FOUNDER OF TOC H,

The Rev. P. B. ("Tubby") Clayton, founder of Toc H, who was taken ill after the birthday celebrations of the Toc H movement at the Albert Hall, London, and became a patient in a nursing home, has recovered sufficiently to return home. His illness was largely due to overwork in connection with the new endowment fund of Toc H.

THE RUSSIAN PURGE.

LEADING COMMUNISTS EXPELLED.

TROTSKY'S DISMISSAL CONFIRMED.

MOSCOW, Sunday.

Following the recent expulsion of Trotsky and Zinovieff from the Communist Party, the Congress of the Communist Party to-day took further drastic measures for purging the party of members of the Opposition.

The Congress unanimously, and without abstentions, adopted a resolution submitted by the Commission of the Opposition question, recommending the expulsion from the Communist Party of seventy-five active ringleaders of the Trotskyist opposition, including Kameneff, Rakovsky, Smilga, Smirnoff (the former Commissar for Posts and Telegraphs), Radek, Piatokoff, Lashkevitch, Muralov, Yevdokimoff, Bakavieff, Safaroff, and also the entire membership of the so-called Sapronoff group, which is avowedly anti-revolutionary. The membership of this group, which consists of twenty-three, brings the number of Communists expelled to-day up to 98.

The resolution approves the measures taken up by the Central Committee and the Central Control Commission against members of the Opposition, and particularly confirms the expulsion of Trotsky and Zinovieff from the party. It authorises the Central Committee and the Control Commission to take every measure for "theologically convincing" the rank and file of the Trotskyist opposition, and simultaneously purging the party of "avowedly incorrigible Trotskyist opposition elements."

NO MORE TROTSKYIST VIEWS.

The resolution goes on to record that the document submitted to the Communist Party Congress by the opposition on December 3rd was signed by 121 active members of the opposition, and that these persons "not only do not renounce their Menshivik views, but insist upon propagating them."

The Congress proceeded to adopt a resolution upholding Stalin's report, declaring the incompatibility of propagating Trotskyist views with membership of the Communist Party, and demanding that the members of the opposition shall openly renounce their opinions.

It was announced that the Commission had received on December 10th two opposition statements. The first, signed by Rakovsky, Muraloff and Radek, insists not only on the right to preserve their own views, but upon the necessity of propagating them. The second, signed by Kameneff, Bakaieff, Yevdokimoff, and Avdrieff, insists upon the necessity of preserving their oppositionist views, but renounce the right of propagating them.

After recording the "glaring disagreement between the two opposition groups," the resolution considers that both statements are "absolutely unsatisfactory."

A LOVERS' BROADCAST.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY-BETROTHED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
COLOGNE, By Mail.

Christmas is not merely a time for giving of presents, but also the favourite time for lovers to become formally engaged. With a very nice sense of appositeness the West German Rundfunk (Wireless Broadcasting Company) has decided to allow thirty minutes on Christmas evening to all those who are newly betrothed. So on Christmas Day, from 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. (English time, 9 to 9.30 p.m.) there will be a special broadcast for lovers from the Langenberg station, also relayed by the Munster and Dortmund stations—Do-Mu-La.

The seance will begin with a little advice to those about to marry—Mr. Punch's laconic utterance being expressly ruled out—followed by the Bride'ss song—Cornelius, an appropriate recitation, a chorus by the wireless choir, entitled "Cousin Mischel"—though why Cousin Mischel is to be thrown up against some of the girls nobody knows—the whole to end up with the dance of the betrothed.

The announcement of this novel programme is expected to prove a most effective hint to a large number of hesitant swains.

GIRL KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED.

FATHER'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
LOS ANGELES, Sunday.

The entire country was thrilled with sympathy yesterday for the distressed parents of a twelve-year-old girl named Marian Parker, who was kidnapped from school for a ransom demanded over the telephone by a mysterious man giving the name of Fox. The country was again thrilled with horror to-day, when it read that the girl's body had been pitched out of a passing motor car at the feet of her father, Mr. Perry Parker, who had brought the required ransom of $1,500—but in vain.

It was about 7 p.m. yesterday when the telephone rang, and the parents recognised the voice of Fox again demanding money for the return of Marian. This time he specified the time and place where the father was to meet him, and he was assured by Mr. Parker that until the girl was safe at home the police had agreed not to interfere. At the hour mentioned Mr. Parker arrived in a car at a lonely street corner named by Fox, and put out his lights according to directions. After some time a man drove up, his face concealed by a handkerchief. Displaying a revolver he said, "You know what I want. Have you got the money?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Parker. "Where is the child?"

The man then lifted up the girl from the floor of the car so that the father could see her face. The kidnapper remarked, "She is asleep." The father thought her chloroformed. He paid the money and asked, "Can I have her now?"

"Yes," replied the man. "I will put her out a little way down the road." He drove a hundred feet further on, got out of the car and dragged the girl out, laying her beside the road, after which he sped away. With gladness the father hastened to his child, but when he found her dead he clasped the body in his arms in agony. Later he telephoned to the police, who are now hunting for Fox.

It now transpires that only part of the dismembered body of a young girl was delivered to the father. The other portions of the body were found this morning in one of the parks of the city. The police have set every available man in the force at work to try to discover the abductor and murderer and to bring him to justice.

POST BY AIR.

SPECIAL NIGHT SERVICE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Saturday.

The *Matin* reports that the Postal Administration intends to establish a night aerial service, thanks to which it will be possible for correspondence, posted after business hours, to reach any station on the system in time for the first delivery next day. Goods carried to these stations during [illegible] ordinary trains will also be sent on required by air the same evening. Eleven air lines are to be established with cross-links, which will make possible a good service between French towns and foreign countries, especially Great Britain.—(Reuter.)

DUTCH SOCIALIST PARTY.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.

At an extraordinary Congress of the Dutch Social Democratic Party held in Utrecht yesterday M. Jan Oudegeest was elected President of the party, in succession to M. Henripolsk, who resigned the post owing to deafness.

M. Oudegeest was formerly one of the three international secretaries of the International Federation of Trade Unions (the Amsterdam International), which he now represents at the International Labour Office in Geneva.

The wireless station at Angora is now carrying out tests with London, and regular communciations are to be established next month.

SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPPING.

GOVERNMENT'S BIG CONTRACT.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
CAPE TOWN, Sunday.

The *Cape Times* learns on the highest authority, although without official confirmation, that the Government has decided to sign, if it has not already signed, a shipping contract with the Tilden Smith interests.

The Tilden Smith interests offer to build a fleet of cargo ships, guaranteed to give a weekly service between South Africa and Great Britain, the voyage not to exceed eighteen days under normal conditions. These interests propose that the Government shall give them a contract for fifteen years to carry all Government freight from Europe to South Africa, and shall guarantee them a subsidy of £100,000 per annum for the whole period of the contract.

The new shipping line would not be designed for passenger traffic, nor, it is understood, have the interests concerned any desire to obtain the mail contract from the Government.

The other conditions of the contract are believed to be that freight rates shall be substantially lower than those charged by the Conference Shipping Lines before the beginning of the present freight war, and that a South African company shall be formed to carry out the undertaking

"ARMS AND THE MAN" IN UPSALA.

SWEDISH PRINCE AS BLUNTSCHLI.

STOCKHOLM, December 14.

The Stockholm Correspondent of the *Observer* states that last week Prince Sigvard, second son of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf and the late Crown Princess Margaret of Connaught, appeared publicly on the stage in the old Swedish University town of Upsala before a distinguished audience, including the Crown Prince and Princess Ingrid, in Shaw's "Arms and the Man." The Prince played the part of Bluntschli, and the public was delighted at the heretical utterances against war illusions, as well as at the Prince's fine acting. The other parts were allotted to young undergraduates, boys as well as girls—special mention should be made of Miss Zerny Jonsson as Raina—and they were all duly applauded.

Prince Sigvard, who is at present studying at the University, is an eager student of the dramatic art, and has already appeared several times on the stage.

"AMERICA FIRST."

CHRISTMAS "SURPRISE" FOR CHICAGO POLICE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The rank and file of the Chicago police have just received a Christmas "surprise" of the wrong kind. According to the *New York Times*, all the members of the force, which numbers nearly 7,000, are being enrolled in the famous "America First" Association, organised by the Mayor, "Big Bill" Thompson, to stay "the ravages of English influence in the land of the free."

The subscription is 10 dollars (over £2), but policemen who show a lack of enthusiasm for "the cause" are reported to have been notified that it will be "to their advantage to enrol."

It is probable that many children whose fathers are in the force will have to go without presents this Christmas in order that their country may be saved.—(Reuter.)

THE REICHSRAT AND ARMAMENT.

TWO BUDGETS TO GO BEFORE THE REICHSTAG.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
BERLIN, Sunday.

Speaking in the Reichsrat yesterday in defence of the Government's proposal to build a new warship, which the Reichsrat rejected by 36 votes to 32. Dr. Gessler, Minister of Defence, said that the Government's view was that until progress in world disarmament had been made it was its duty to carry out the modest naval programme allowed to Germany by the Treaty of Versailles.

He pointed out that of the six cruisers that were permitted only five were being built, and of the six battleships only four were contemplated. He remarked that the Government considered that it must, at all costs, take steps to safeguard the sea route to East Prussia, in view of the special situation of East Prussia, and this task was not possible with the light naval forces which Germany possessed. Dr. Gessler finally declared that the modest sums which Germany used for her armaments had not been objected to from any side, not even from the Agent-General for Reparations.

In spite of the Minister's plea, however, the Reichsrat, as stated last night, struck out of the Budget the first instalment of nine million marks for the construction of a battleship, and also reduced by six million marks the expenditure for military purposes.

The Government now intends to submit two Budgets to the Reichstag, one with the new battleship in it and one without.

TRAMCAR AND MOTOR COLLIDE.

FRENCHMAN AND HIS WIFE BURNED TO DEATH.

PARIS, Sunday.

A tram car collided with a private motor car in the wood at Vincennes to-day. The motor car caught fire, and both of its occupants—a man and his wife—were burned alive. The firemen, after great difficulty, succeeded in extricating the woman's body; but the man is still covered with *débris.* Both victims were French.

A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

SOLDIERS SUMMONED TO QUELL CINEMA RIOT.

LISBON (By Mail).

A small cinema in the suburbs of Lisbon, frequented by the lower working classes, was obliged, for some unforseen reason, to change obliged, for some unforeseen reason, to change resented, and they started to riot, smashing chairs and windows, and threatening to wreck the whole place. The management had the lights put out, hoping that the people would then depart, but they only made matters worse.

At last the management sent for a company of soldiers from a neighbouring barracks, and not till their arrival was order restored.—(Reuter.)

"AMERICA RULES THE WAVES."

PARIS, Saturday.

The programme of naval building, recently submitted to Congress by Mr. Wilbur, United States Secretary of the Navy, leads the *Œuvre* to declare that one can no longer sing "Britannia Rules the Waves," for it is America who will soon be supreme upon the sea.—(Reuter.)

DIGNITY—AND THE DRUMMER.

Serving in the Coldstream Guards at Windsor are two of the tallest Guardsmen in the Brigade of Guards. Guardsman C. Freak, aged 19, is 6ft. 7½in. and Corporal H. Homer is 6ft. 6¼in.

One of the drummers in the same regiment, James Allen, 15, is only 4ft. 7½in., and he is probably the smallest soldier in the Brigade.

MINISTER'S DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA.

BRUSSELS, Sunday.

M. A. Pescatore, Luxemburg Minister to London, died in Brussels last evening of pneumonia. The remains will be taken to Luxemburg, where the funeral will take place on Tuesday.—(Reuter.)

AMERICA'S NAVAL POLICY.

PROBLEM OF CONGRESS.

From "The Times" Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Sunday.

The hearings before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on the subject of the warship building programme will not begin until Congress reassembles after the holiday recess; and among the first to be summoned will be Admiral Hilary Jones, and others who were present during the Geneva Naval Limitation Conference. Already, however, there is opposition to the bill, now, with the assent of President Coolidge, before the House, on the score of the indefiniteness and the power it would leave to the President to suspend construction.

Mr. Thomas Butler, Chairman of the Committee, openly favours the dropping of the discretionary clause and a modification of the measure, so as to provide for a five-year programme, which could be suspended only by an Act of Congress. How many 16,000 ton cruisers he will ask for is unknown, but elsewhere there is talk of actual appropriation for four each year for five years. An agreement on this point may not be easy, nor, for some reason undisclosed, does anybody seem to take kindly to the idea of nine destroyer leaders; but the aeroplane carriers asked for—which rumour says will be vessels of about 13,000 tons each—will probably be granted.

The problem of Congress is obviously to find the point of maximum Navy increase, without inviting the accusation both at home and abroad that the United States is encouraging a renewal of competitive building. The country is sensitive on this subject, and so is President Coolidge, who would deeply resent the possible description of himself as "a sort of Admiral in sheep's clothing." There is also a desire to disabuse the minds of foreign critics of the idea that the United States is trying to force another limitation conference, something which, it is gathered, could be best achieved by taking out of the President's hand any power to arrest or delay whatever construction is ordered. If this is done it will be vastly pleasing to the "big Navy" group, and, if it is not, it will be chiefly in order to escape the charge that the foreign policy of the United States contemplates little or nothing but the resort to war.

SAVING TOILSOME JOURNEYS.

AIR PASSENGER SERVICE FOR THE YUKON.

WHITE HORSE (Yukon Territory), (By Mail).

Aerial transportation has been inaugurated in the Yukon territory by the monoplane, Queen of the Yukon, which has made the trip from Skagway in slightly over one hour. The machine enters immediately upon a freight, mail and passenger service, which will have the effect of cutting down arduous journeys from weeks to hours.—(Reuter.)

A GOLD MINE.

CANADA'S INCREASING TOURIST TRAFFIC.

OTTAWA (By Mail).

The tourist trade of Canada during 1926 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to have been worth 190,463,000 dollars, being the estimated sum of money spent by tourists in Canada for all purposes. During the season hotels alone received 25,900,000 dollars from tourists. Over 2,000,000 motor cars entered Canada from the United States, whence most of the tourist traffic comes, while 2,300,000 railway tickets were issued in the United States for points in Canada.

The above estimates are on a most conservative scale, and are published to correct the many wild and unreliable statements which have been made of the value of the tourist traffic of the Dominion. The present year, it is expected, will show a heavy increase over 1926.—(Reuter.)

INCREASING IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

OTTAWA (By Mail).

Immigrants to Canada during the first six months of the fiscal year 1926-27 totalled 109,025 souls, exclusive of 25,383 Canadians with United States domiciles, who have returned to Canada with the intention of taking up permanent residence in their native land. The number of British immigrants was 39,621, compared with 35,393 during the corresponding period of last year. Immigrants from the United States rose (for the same periods) from 12,986 to 14,641, while from other countries the increase was from 42,507 to 54,763.—(Reuter.)

LUTHERANS IN CANADA.

WINNIPEG (By Mail).

During 1927 2,530 Lutheran immigrants entered Canada under the auspices of the Lutheran Immigration Board, this being easily the greatest number in any year. Among the arrivals was a namesake, and direct descendant, of Martin Luther. Arrangements already made for next year's arrivals indicate that the 1927 total will be exceeded.—(Reuter.)

CHILD AND THE BOMB.

LISBON (By Mail).

A little boy of eight recently handed to the police a dynamite bomb, which he had found at the corner of a street.—(Reuter.)

FARMING IN THE CANADIAN PRAIRIES.

WINNIPEG (By Mail).

Homestead filings in the three Prairie Provinces during September numbered 392, compared with 364 during September, 1926. Entries for the nine months ended September numbered 4,776, as against 4,565 during the corresponding period of 1926. The largest increase was in Alberta, where entries over the above comparison rose from 1,632 to 2,102.—(Reuter.)

IRISH NUN'S DEATH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Rev. Mother Mary Augustine, O.P. (Agnes Keon), of the Dominican Order of Nuns, Holy Rosary Convent, Bird street, Port Elizabeth, died at the convent on Friday, November 11, at the age of 77. The Rev. Mother had been in failing health for some months.

Mother Augustine was born at Edenderry, County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1850. Part of her early years were spent in America, where she still has relatives. Entering the Dominican Order of Nuns, she was professed on August 4, 1872, the Feast of St. Dominic.

Although not amongst the first number of the Sisters who went to Port Elizabeth to found the Holy Rosary Convent, she was among those who arrived in that city a few years later, and ever since then she was identified with the best educational influences so characteristic of her illustrious Order. Through her hands have passed a large number of Catholic and non-Catholic pupils, who have ever held her and her memory in the highest esteem.

Mother Augustine was appointed Superior of St. Dominic's Priory, Emerald Hill, Port Elizabeth in 1913. She occupied a similar position at Uitenhage, a neighbouring town, in 1914 and 1915, and at Port Elizabeth, where she was Prioress, from 1915 to 1918. For some years past she was Directress of the Sodality of the Children of Mary at Holy Rosary Convent.

A WHITE DEER.

A despatch from Perth, Ontario, states that a party of hunters recently shot an albino deer, which was snowy white except for a few small spots on the head and flanks. It is considered a rarity, and is being mounted by a taxidermist. A report from Fredericton, New Brunswick, states that the first albino otter ever seen in the Province has just been trapped.—(Reuter.)

The body of Joseph Hamilton, a Portadown factory operative, who has been missing from his home for the past six weeks, has been found in the River Bann.

JEWISH OUTBURST.

FIGHT WITH BRITISH POLICE IN PALESTINE.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
JERUSALEM, Sunday.

Jewish unemployed at Petachtikveh had a serious brush with the British police on Friday, fifteen Jews being wounded and seventeen arrested.

The unemployed Jews in the colony, numbering 600, have been agitating for the past month against the action of the Jewish orange grove owners in employing large numbers of Arabs to pick fruit, despite, it was urged, the grave and protracted suffering of the Jewish unemployed. Armed British police are now occupying the colony.

A FRENCH ELECTION POSTER.

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY GERMANY.

From "The Times" Correspondent.
PARIS, Sunday.

The political election poster is a new thing in French life, and it is, perhaps, not surprising that its promoters should begin by making a few mistakes. The association recently formed for issuing posters lately issued one depicting President Hindenburg in his full pre-war uniform, with spike helmet and a disproportionately large cavalry sword, being presented to the French public by an allegatorical figure, the whole bearing the legend: "Hindenburg, the god of war, is watching the 1928 elections as Bethman Hollweg watched those of 1914. A vote for the *Cartel* means the evacuation of the Rhineland, invasion and war."

As the result of this representations were made to the Quai d'Orsay on behalf of the German Government. The reply was that, while under French law the French Foreign Ministry possessed no powers to intervene, the complaint would be considered with a view to meeting the German objection. The Socialist Party, as one of those indicated, has raised an objection against the public exhibition of the poster, and the Committee of the National Federation of Republican Ex-soldiers has declared its intention of forming bands for tearing it down.

ARMAGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SUCCESS.

SUPPORT FROM THE FREE STATE.

The annual meeting of the County Armagh Agricultural Society was held in Thom's Café, Portadown, last Thursday evening. Mr. W. M. Clow, J.P., presided over a large attendance.

The Secretary (Mr. A. Lewis) read the report of the Committee, which stated that the entries at this year's Show constituted a record, and that the list of exhibitors included representatives from no less than fourteen counties. In spite of the tightness of money, the total subscriptions exceeded those of last year, the amount collected being £410. The total amount paid in prizes was £876, an increase of over £37 on the highest amount previously paid.

Despite the depressing period through which agriculture had been passing, and which had injuriously affected many organisations, the society had continued to progress.

Mr. T. J. Elliott, in submitting the financial statement, congratulated the society on their sound financial position.

THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report, said that the number of entries received from the Free State this year was most encouraging to all of them, as it proved that theirs was not a provincial show any longer, but a national show, embracing the whole of Ireland. When they remembered that that was their twenty-seventh report, and that they had £780 to their credit, they might look upon it as a very creditable performance, indeed, and they had a right to congratulate themselves.

They heard a great deal about agricultural depression, and, perhaps, the matter was being a little overdone. Pressure had been brought to bear on the Ministry of Agriculture in regard to this matter to see what could be done for farmers who could not do anything for themselves, so as to enable them to pay rents, rates and taxes. The Ministry had not very much money, but they said that they would add to the present amount that they were spending on agricultural work the sum of £40,000, and they decided to spend this amount over the six counties on education, and in the improvement of stock, the improvement of fruit-growing and the supplying of additional overseers over a large district of country. He felt that the Government was doing the very best thing for agriculture in spending the money in that way.

Mr. J. Davison, J.P., seconded the motion, and the report was adopted.

COMBINED PURCHASING SYSTEM.

LIMERICK'S PROTEST TO MINISTRY.

At the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee meeting last week the resident medical superintendent, Dr. Irwin, complained of the quality of calico, tobacco, and tea supplied to the institution under the combined purchasing system.

It was, he said, evidently the intention of the Government to procure low quality at low prices. The calico which was supplied pre-war was three times superior to the article sent at present, and no saving was effected in buying inferior articles.

Mr. P. Bourke said that a strong protest should be made, as the ratepayers were the sufferers.

The Clerk said that prices were lower when they had competition by local traders.

It was decided to send a resolution to the Ministry protesting against the combined purchasing system.

BRAY COUNCIL CO-OPTION.

At Bray Urban Council, Mr. T. J. Wallace was co-opted a member by eight votes against five for Mr. J. Metcalfe, in room of Mrs. Henry, resigned.

CORK PRIZE DRAWING.

At the annual drawing of prizes, under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Cork, the Bishop of Cork, the Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan presiding, the winners of the first three prizes were declared as follow:—1st prize (£25) won by Mrs. Horgan, Clifford House, Innishannon, Co. Cork; 2nd prize (silver tea and coffee service, 4 pieces), Miss MacSwiney, Cork; 3rd prize (£10), Miss Annie Barry, Rockmills, Co. Cork.

HOME MANUFACTURES FIRST.

At a largely attended meeting of the Rathdowney branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, a resolution was adopted appealing to all members of the union to support Irish manufactures and thereby help to reduce unemployment, now so prevalent in the country.

THE NEW GAELIC NEWSPAPER.

The appeal jointly issued by the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Gaelic League for funds to establish a newspaper to voice the views of both organisations, has met with generous response in Rathdowney and district. Mr. P. P. Daly, a member of the County Council, on behalf of the G.A.A., and Miss Walsh, Irish teacher, Mr. William Hennessey, representing the Gaelic League, formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of receiving and soliciting subscriptions, and express themselves highly pleased with the results.

CHILD ABANDONED.

At Kildysart (Clare) District Court, Susan MacMahon was charged with abandoning a child to which she had given birth. The child was removed to the Kilrush Nursery, where it lived only a short time.

The accused woman had been charged at a special court and remanded on bail. When the case was called she did not appear.

The District Justice estreated the recognisances, and adjourned the case until next court.

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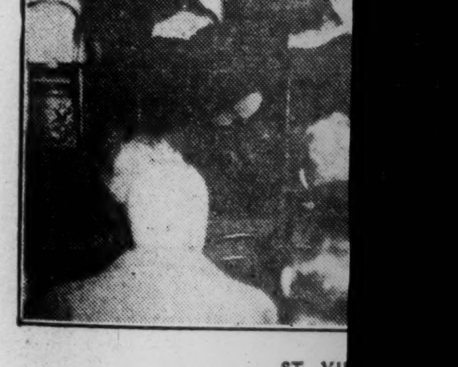

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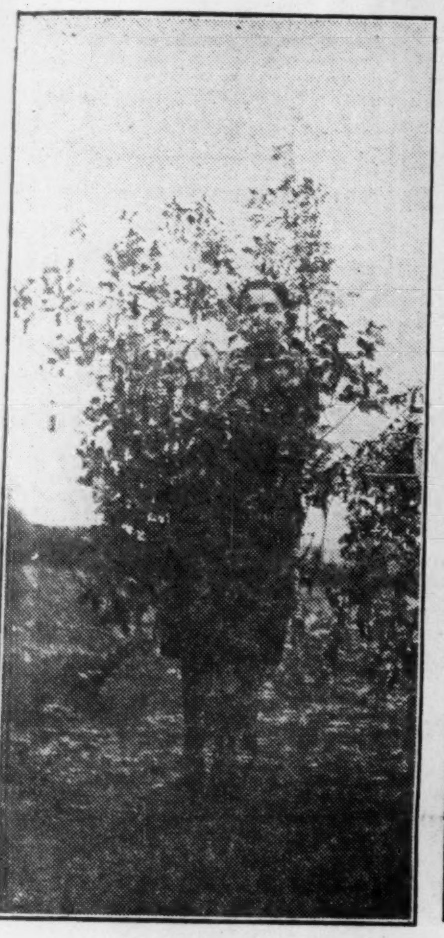
A SNOW PICTURE.—Winter

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN DUBLIN.

THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY—A fine display outside a Dublin shop.

CHRISTMAS AT THE "ZOO."—A stocking for "a little monkey."

THE COLD SNAP.—A goalkeeper trying to keep warm during a ladies' hockey match.



THE DECORATIONS—A girl gathering evergreens at Carlow.

TAKING HOME THE PRESENTS.—A scene at Nelson's Pillar, Dublin, last Saturday.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FREE NIGHT SHELTER MEETING.
Sir Joseph Glynn, Mr. P. Lynch, K.C.; Professor O'Sullivan (Minister for Education), Mr. Thomas Sexton, Mr. R. M. O'Callaghan, Mr. T. Fullerton, Mr. John F. Maguire, Father John Flanagan, P.P.; Judge O'Brien, Mr. Andrew J. Keogh, Father Canavan, S.J.

Mlle. Nelly Sidarouss, daughter of Sesostris Sidarouss Bey, Counsellor of the Royal Egyptian [illegible] engagement to Comte Charles Du Bourg, son of Comte and Comtesse Du Bourg, of Montflours, La Mayenne, is announced.

A SNOW PICTURE.—Winter games in England during the week-end.

ULSTER v. LEINSTER.—An incident during the inter-provincial Rugby match at Belfast last Saturday.

CHAMPIONS BEATEN.—An incident during the game at Dalymount Park, Dublin, between Shelbourne and Bohemians.

SNOW

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ADVENTUROUS GERMAN.

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30,000 MILES IN A YACHT.

After an eventful voyage round the world the German yacht Hamburg, an auxiliary ketch of 69 tons, owned and commanded by Mr. Kircheiss (who during the war was navigating officer of the German raider Seeadler), with a crew of four young Germans, arrived at Cowes on Saturday.

The voyage of between thirty-three and thirty-four thousand miles has occupied 689 days 12 hours. Mr. Kircheiss, who speaks English fluently, stated: "We left Hamburg on January 2, 1926. This is the first small vessel to make such a cruise and cross all the oceans during the winter period when south-west monsoons prevail. The route taken was Spain, Italy, Egypt, Arabia, Ceylon, Sumatra, Singapore, Java, Celebes, Philippine Islands, Japan, China, Hawaii, California, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Havana, Florida, Philadelphia, New York and Cowes. The journey from New York to Cowes occupied 27 days.

PACIFIC OCEAN EXPERIENCE.

"Excepting for the loss of a few sails and a mizzen gaff everything went well, and there was no sickness on board. Everywhere I went I received nothing but goodwill. I lectured at Colombo, Singapore, and many other English places with the object of restoring friendship after the ravages of war, and everywhere met with a friendly reception. The people were very sporting. It is my intention to sail home to Hamburg to spend Christmas.

"I am a German naval officer, and in the war was navigating officer of the raider Seeadler, commanded by Count Packnow, which was lost in the Pacific Ocean. We completed a trip across the Pacific in an eighteen-feet open boat, covering a distance of 2,360 miles, and we were absolutely done, being without food or water when we were captured at Fiji. We were sent to New Zealand and interned, but escaped from prison and got away in a motor boat. We then captured a schooner intending to go to South America, but when eight days from land we ran out of provisions and made for an island.

"British ships had heard of our exploits and were sent out to search for us. Eventually we were captured a second time seven hundred miles from Auckland by the British cruiser Iris."

BRITISH THEATRICAL INTERESTS.

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BIG OFFER FROM AMERICA.

A bid of £450,000 has been made by an American theatrical and cinema syndicate for the purchase of important theatrical interests in Great Britain.

The proposed deal involves the Bedford Music Hall, Camden Town; the Empire, Bristol; and the King's Hall, Dover, together with an option on a West-End theatre, and an extensive British revue business. Colonel Harry Day, M.P., to whom the offer has been made, stated on Saturday that he is giving it his favourable consideration.

"The American syndicate is one of the largest in the States," he said. "They control theatres, shows and films in all parts of America. Their offer is certainly a tempting one, and I expect the negotiations for the transfer will open at any moment."

HUMAN MISFITS.

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THE PROBLEM OF JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT.

After distributing prizes at a brotherhood meeting at Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday afternoon, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour, spoke of the waste that occurred and the saving that might be made in the human material of the country. This, he said, was the most precious material that we possessed. He attributed part of the wastage to misfits. While human beings were very adaptable, we ought as far as possible to see that boys and girls were given work for which they were naturally fitted. Waste also occurred through a lack of a helping hand now and then.

It was also wasteful if where talent existed it could not find an outlet. By degrees these facts were becoming realised. In Birmingham there was plenty of employment for juveniles, but in other parts of the country there was considerable unemployment. The question was, how to keep young people straight and fit and interested, and prevent deterioration of character while they were out of jobs.

I believe in free trade as I believe in the multiplication table.—Mr. Snowden.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE FEATURES.

SPECTACULAR MOVEMENTS IN INDUSTRIALS.

GREYHOUND RACING FLOTATIONS.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, Saturday.

In some departments of the Stock Exchange there are indications of that quietening down of business usually witnessed towards the end of the year, but this remar does not apply to the industrial section. It is true that the activity there mainly centres in specialities, but the amount of business which the speculation in these provides is very great, and at times brokers find it difficult to get right inside the market. In the case of Vocalions, for instance, it is estimated that over 100 jobbers are now engaged in operating in these shares alone, many of them having migrated from the oil market. As regards these shares, nothing is definitely known to account for the sharp rise, except a belief that the business of the company is exceedingly good. Some time ago, when the price was much lower, it was said that an offer of £2 per share had been made for Vocalions by one of the bigger companies, but as that figure has been considerably exceeded in the market it may be assumed that the report was not correct.

MARKET FEATURES.

Other features last week were Triplex Safety Glass, which touched £13, as compared with the year's lowest price of 43s.; L. and N. Coal Distillation, in which there was business up to 48s. 9d., as compared with 27s. 6d. current only a week ago; and Mond Nickel Ord., which reached 6, against the year's lowest of 36s. 9¾d. The strength of newspaper shares was another feature which cannot be ignored, while the recovery in Marconis from the recent set-back was assisted by the publication of a very encouraging report.

COURTAULDS AND LISTERS.

Yet another feature was the rise in Courtaulds to 7¾, as compared with 6⅞ quoted only a little while ago. This advance followed or accompanied a gradual appreciation in Listers, which in July last stood at 20s., and last week finished at 31s. 6d. According to market gossip, the two movements are connected, for the old rumour has been revived of an absorption of Listers by Courtaulds. Another reason for the rise in the latter is the expectation of some bonus. The rise in Courtaulds has fully justified those who emphasised the merits of the shares at a time when the market appeared to have gone mad over British Celanese. While British Celanese have reacted from 6¼ to 4¼, Courtaulds have moved the other way.

OIL SHARES.

That the Apex Trinidad dividend and share bonus announcement had no strengthening effect upon the shares should not be entirely attributed to the disfavour in which this section of the House is held. It was largely a case of an expected event having been discounted, for as soon as the best forecasts of the market had been realised the bulls had "nothing to go for," and consequently took their profits, with the result that Trinidad Shares derived no benefit from the declaration. A similar thing frequently happens in other secitons of the House, but in regard to Trinidads it is to be feared that some operators were able to form a very intelligent anticipation of events, for the main details of the announcement appear to have been known in the market quite early in the week. Apart from the question of the market position, the dividend is a very handsome one, and, without allowing for the value of the bonus issue, Apex Trinidad Shares at the present price yield about 10 per cent. One may hesitate to advise a purchase, but it would appear that holders should not sell, though if they want to touch part of their profit they might dispose of their allotment of new shares when such are available.

GREYHOUND RACING COMPANIES

A warning seems necessary in regard to the numerous companies floated for the purpose of exploiting the new sport of greyhound racing. Some prospectuses would almost suggest that promoters also intended to exploit the public, while it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that some of these issues would have been rank failures had it not been that part of the capital was in the form of shilling Deferred or Ordinary Shares, for which there is now such a craze. Broadly speaking, it seems safe to say that prices of these 1s. or 2s. shares have been carried too high, this remark applying to greyhound racing companies and film promotions, as well as some others. It is not insignificant that the 1s. Ordinary Shares of the Wembley Stadium and Greyhound Co. have, within a short period, gradually, but steadily, fallen from 10s. to 5s. Those who have invested in such shares, and have a profit, should seriously consider whether it would not be wise to realise it, even though in realising the premium on the Deferred Shares the investor may be left with Preference Shares standing at a substantial discount.

BRANSTON ARTIFICIAL SILK.

Of late there has been considerable activity in Branston Artificial Silk Ord. Shares, and, from the appearance of the market, the price may easily reach a considerably higher level than that now current. The shares are very widely held, and those interested are wondering when the company will start producing. It may be recalled that a progress report issued in September last announced that the first unit of plant would be soon in operation, and that production was expected to commence by March next. It was intended gradually to increase the output until ultimately a production of 16 tons of artificial silk a day was reached. Supposing this estimate were realised, and it were possible to ascertain what profit per pound the company secured, it would not be difficult to calculate the probable revenue accruing to the company. Meanwhile, it is perhaps not insignificant that arrangements were made a little while ago with the well-known firm of Charles Semon and Co. by which the latter became selling agents for the whole of the Branston output.

MINING SHARES.

At present the market for South African Shares is in a very unsettled state, and evidently will continue so until the outlook is less obscure. The dividends just announced were of a mixed character, small distributions predominating, though in one or two cases, notably the Brakpan, the half-yearly payment was larger than the market had expected. There is now rather less anxiety regarding labour, General Hertzog having lately made a reassuring statement about the position. The movements in De Beers have considerable influence, not only sentimentally, but because several finance companies are directly interested in the shares. The decision of the South Africa Government to prohibit prospecting for diamonds for a year at first had a favourable influence, but afterwards it was realised that a large number of stones have been found this year, and upon De Beers will fall the principal burden of finding a market for them. That the interim dividend on the Deferred Shares is to be withheld for the present is scarcely an encouraging feature.

BASE METAL SHARES.

Tin Shares keep up very well, and the best of them should go higher, for indications are even stronger now that ultimately there will be a pronounced scarcity of this metal. It is expected also that the future will witness a considerable recovery in the price of copper, but in this case there would appear to be less scope for speculative operations. There can be little doubt that both Mining and Oil Shares are to some extent suffering from the great speculative interest in Industrial Shares, and perhaps this is also a factor in keeping rubber descriptions comparatively quiet.

PREMIUM BONDS.

A point about the issue of premium bonds which has not received the attention it appears to deserve is the probable market price of a Government 2 per cent. Loan, such as that suggested by the Economy Group of the Conservative Party. Presumably such a loan would be issued at par; otherwise its advantages in the direction of a saving of interest would not be so apparent. It is extremely doubtful whether £500,000,000 could be raised in this way, even with the inducement of big cash prizes; for the banks, insurance companies, financial corporations and other big investors, which are the mainstay of big Government financial operations, could not be expected to support such an issue. But that point may be left out of account for the moment, and a subscription assumed of £500,000,000 by the investing or speculating public. Those who did not draw prizes would be dissatisfied, and would probably seek to sell their bonds. What price does the Economy Group of the Conservative Party expect that such bonds would command? On a yield basis of 4¾ per cent., which may be taken as the present-day cost of Government borrowing, the quotation would be about 42. If ten points are added in order to allow for the chance of a big cash prize, a valuation of 52 is obtained, so that a seller, who presumably had paid £100, would have to suffer a loss of £48 per bond. In such a case the chances are that he would think he had been swindled. The ethical aspect of the scheme may be left to others to discuss.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

MORE "EAR-MARKED" SOVEREIGNS RELEASED.

Business was quiet in Lombard street, where the usual Saturday conditions prevailed. End of the year demands were not yet much in evidence, although a few more bills were taken to the Bank for discount. Loans over the week-end were generally obtainable at 3 per cent., while old money was renewed at 3½ per cent. for a day and 3½ per cent. for a week. Advances into the new year were offered at 4½ per cent., but not much demand was reported for this accommodation.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21 1927), 4½%

60 days (fine)	4¼	4 5/16%				
3 months		4 5/16%	Trade	4½	5	%
4 "	4 5/16	4⅜%	"	4¾	5	%
6 "	4 5/16	4⅜%	"	5	5½	%

Loans to Brokers Day-to-day	3½	3%
" " for a Week		3½%
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call		2½%
" " Discount Houses at Call		2½%
" " " at Notice		2¾%

Bill rates were steady to firm with transactions on a restricted scale. Fine two and three months' bank bills were quoted at 4 5/16 per cent., and fours and sixes at 4 5/16-4⅜ per cent., while the "hot" Treasuries were offered at 4 3/32 per cent.

At the Bank on Saturday £500,000 in sovereigns previously set aside on account of South Africa was released. The price of gold in the open market remained at 84s. 11½d. per ounce fine. Silver was unchanged at 26 11/16d. per ounce for spot and 26 11/16d. forward. The Foreign Exchange market was quiet with small movements in rates. Sterling on New York was again easier, and Continental gold exchanges were also less favourable to London. Other European currencies were steady. South American rates moved irregularly, while Far Eastern exchanges were not materially altered.

—	Dec. 17 Closing Rates		Dec. 16 Closing Rates		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.07¼	12.07½	12.07⅜	12.07½	12.10
B. Ayres	47 25/32	47 15/16	47 25/32	47 15/16	47⅝d.
Barcelona	29.27	29.29	29.16	29.18	25.22½
Berlin	20.42¾	20.43¼	20.43	20.43½	20.43
Brussels	34.89½	34.90	34.89	34.90	35.00
Calcutta	1/6 5/32	1/6⅛	1/6 5/32	1/6⅛	2/0
Copenhagen	18.19½	18.20	18.19¾	18.20¼	18.159
Geneva	25.27½	25.28	25.28	25.28½	25.22½
Greece	365½	367	365½	367	25.22½
Helsingfors	193½	194	193½	194	193.23
Italy	89.90	90.00	89.90	90.00	25.22½
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/10⅝	1/10 11/16	1/10⅝	1/10 11/16	24.58d.
Montreal	4.88 7/16	4.88 9/16	4.88 7/16	4.88 9/16	4.86⅔
Montevideo	50¾d.	51¼d.	50⅞d.	51⅜d.	51d.
New York	4.88 5/32	4.88 7/32	4.88⅛	4.88 3/16	4.86⅔
Oslo	18.33	18.34	18.33	18.35	18.159
Paris	123.95	124.05	123.95	124.05	25.22½
Prague	164½	164¾	164½	164¾	24.02
Rio de Jan.	5 29/32	5 15/16	5 29/32	5 15/16	27d.
Shanghai	2/7¼	2/7⅜	2/7¼	2/7 5/16	—
Singapore	2/4	2/4 7/32	2/4	2/4 7/32	2/4
Stockholm	18.07¾	18.08¼	18.08	18.08½	18.16
Vienna	34.57	34.60	34.58	34.61	34.58½
Warsaw	43¼	43¾	43¼	43¾	25.22½

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS.

SATURDAY.

Barometer—At 1 p.m., 30.20.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Louth from Liverpool, Puma from Glasgow—with passengers and goods; Slieve Donard and South Stack from Holyhead, Lady Emerald from London—with goods; Alice from Liverpool, with asphalt; Lady Thomas from Bristol with coke; Finola from Garston, Kyanite from Ayr, Braesyde from Swansea, Talacre from Point of Aire—with coals; Benjee from Skerries, light.

SUNDAY.

Barometer—At 1 p.m., 30.30.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Longford from Liverpool, Maple from Glasgow, Olive from Heysham, Yarrow from Silloth—with passengers and goods; Lady Brussels from Liverpool, Patricia from Cardiff—with goods; Cameo and Sard from Ayr, Sarah Brough from Garston, Ita from Whitehaven, Beechfield, Princetown, and Aran Island from Newport, Achill from Glasgow—with coals; Sarpfos (of Oslo) from Manchester, to load coke.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Anglo-Scottish Tea Invest. Trust (15/- paid), 6d.-1/6 prem. Argentine Great Western 6 p.c. Pref. (£4 paid), 5/16-7/16 prem. Assoc. Facing Brick and Tile Ord. (fully-paid), 3/10½-4/4½; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 4/9-5/3. Assoc. Piano 7½ p.c. Pref. (8/- paid), 1/-6d. dis. Atlas Light and Power 7 p.c. Pref. (5/- pd.), 3d.-6d. prem.; do. 6 p.c. Debs. (£64 paid), 1¾-2¼ prem. Auckland (City of) 5¼ p.c. 1960 Loan (£30 paid), par-¼ prem. Australia 5 p.c. Loan (£27½ paid), 5/16-7/16 prem. Barratt (J. H.) and Co. Ord., 2/9-3/-. Barton Transport 8 p.c. Pref., 5/3-6/3; do. Def., 1/6-2/-. Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton 5½ p.c. Debs. (fully-paid), 101½-2½. Birkenhead 5 p.c. (fully paid), 101-1¼. Brazil 6½ p.c. Bonds (£55 paid), 3 11/16-13/16 prem. Brighton Corporation 4¾ p.c. (£27½ paid), ¼ dis.-par. British Brunswick Ord., 10/6-11/6; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 18/6-19/6. British Celanese 7½ p.c. Bonds (fully paid), 100-½. British International Pictures Ord. (fully-paid), 6/3-7/3; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 16/3-17/3. British Lion Film 10 p.c. Prefd. Ord. (10/- paid), 6/3-5/3 dis.; do. Def., 1/-1/6. Buckley Jones 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 3/-2/- dis.; do. Def., 1/3-1/6. Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway Ord. (£4 paid), ½-⅝ prem. Burnell and Co. Ord. (fully-paid), 5/4½-5/10½; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 18/6-19/6. Canadian Pacific ($100 paid) (new), 164-6. Central Portland Cement (4/-), 6/1½-6/7½. Commercial Properties 5 p.c. 1st Debs. (£45 paid), 2¾-1¾ dis. Craydon 5 p.c. (£71½ paid), par-¼ prem. Delaney (John) (fully-paid), 1 3/16-7/16. Dibben (W.) 7½ p.c. Pref (9/- paid), 6d.-1/- prem. Dunlop Plantations 6 p.c. Pref. (new) (10/- paid), 3d.-6d prem. Durban (Borough of) (£19¾ paid), 1¼-1 dis. Faulkner (H.) Ord., 24/3-25/3. General Funds Investment Trust Ord. (5/- paid), 9d. dis.-3d. prem. Glanzstoff Certificates, 5⅜-7/8. Greene, King and Sons New Ord. (fully-paid), 45/-46/-. Greyhound Racing Assoc. 8 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), ⅜-¼ dis.; do. Ord., 3/6-4/-. Hampshire (F. W.) (1927) Ord. (10/- paid), ⅛-¼ prem.; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 1/6-6d. dis. Holt Brewery 2nd Debs. (£75 paid), ½ dis.-½ prem. R. Hovenden and Sons "A" Pref. (fully-paid), 19/9-20/3. Hungary (Counties of) 6 p.c. Bonds, 87-8. International Financial Society 6 p.c. Pref. (5/- paid), 3d. dis.-3d. prem. International Sleeping Car Trust Ord. (12/6 paid), 4/-3/6 dis. Kandyan Tea Estates Ord. (fully-paid), 1/-2/-; do. 7½ p.c. Debs. (fully-paid), ½ dis.-½ prem. Kenya 5 p.c. (£29½ paid), 1 1/16-1 3/16 prem. Lamot 7½ p.c. Part. Pref. (fully-paid), 18/6-19/6. Lloyd (Edward) 5½ p.c. Debs. (£45 paid), 1¾-¼ dis. Maden and Ireland Ord. (fully-paid), 2/10½-3/1½; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 20/-20/6. Margarine Union Ord. (12/- paid), ½-⅝ prem.; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 7½d.-10½d. prem. Minerva Motors (fully-paid), 15/7½-16/1½; do. Def 1/7½-1/10½. Mutual Finance Indem. and Guar. Corp. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 16/6-17/6; do. Ord., 2/9-3/-. Napier Harbour Board 5½ p.c. (£21 paid), 1¾-2 prem. National Property Trust 7 p.c. Prefd. (10/- paid), 2/6-1/6 dis.; do. Def., 1/1½-1/4½. National United Laundries (Greater London) 10 p.c. Prefd. Ord. (fully paid), 4/9-5/-; do. Def., 2/1½-2/4½. New Imperial Motors 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 7/3-8/3; do. Ord., 1/-1/6. Palestine 5 p.c. Stock (£10 paid), 1⅛-2 prem. P. and O. Def. (new) (£20 paid), 71-4 prem. Poland State Loan (1927) 7 p.c. (fully-paid), 89¾-90¼. Port Alfred Pulp and Paper Debs. (£65 paid), 2¼-1¼ dis. Port of London Authority 5 p.c. Stock, 1950-70 (£5 paid), 1 3/16-5/16 prem. Pro Patria Films (fully-paid), 9/9-10/9. Rist (A.) 8 p.c. Pref. Ord. (fully-paid), 8/6-9/6; do. Def., 1/6-2/-. Roberts (Chas.) (1927) 6½ p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 21/9-22/3. Rolls Razor 10 p.c. Prefd. Ord. (fully-paid), 19/6-20/-; do Def., 4/-4/3. San Paulo Bank 6 p.c. Bonds (£15 paid), ¼-¾ prem. Second American Trust 5 p.c. Debs. (£60 paid), 1¾-¾ dis. Settle Speakman Ord. (10/- paid) 1/6-2/6 prem.; do. 6½ p.c. 1st Debs., 1½-½ dis. Smethwick Corp. 5 p.c. (fully-paid), 100½-¾. South Africa (Union of) 5 p.c. (£69½ paid), 1 3/16-5/16 prem. South London Greyhound Racecourses 10 p.c. Pref. Ord. (6/6 paid), 5/16-5/16 dis.; do. Def., 2/-3/-. Staines Greyhounds 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), ⅝-¾; do. Def., 2/6-3/6. Stephen Smith Ord (5/-), 10/6-11/-. Sunderland Dist. Omnibus, 7/-8/-. Sussex Brick (fully-paid), 19/-20/-; do. Def., 2/1½-2/4½. Swears and Wells (New) (15/- paid), 2/4½-2/10½ prem. Sydney (City of) 5¼ p.c. Debs. (£19½ paid), 1-¾ dis. Tarfroid Ord., 1/9-2/3; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 8/9-9/3. Torbay Paint Ord. (fully-paid), 56/-58/-. Treasury Bonds 4½ p.c. "G" (fully-paid), 99 5/16-7/16. Tynemouth 5 p.c. (£66 paid), par-¼ prem. Upsons Ord. (5/- paid), 4/-5/- prem.; do. 6½ p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 9d.-3d. dis. Victoria 5 p.c. (£47½ paid), 7/16-9/16 prem. Victoria Wine 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 20/7½-21/1½; do. Ord. (5/-), 7/4½-7/10½. West Ham Greyhound Prefd. Ord. (15/- paid) 9/-8/- dis.; do. Def., 3/-4/-. White City (Manchester) Greyhounds Def., 3/6-4/6; Whitehall Films 10 p.c. Pref. Ord. (10/- paid), 6/-4/- dis.; do. Def., 1/9-2/9. Wiggins (Hammersmith) Ord., 5/4½-5/10½; do. Def., 1/6-2/-. Wilson, Smith and Sutcliffe Ord., 1/10½-2/1½; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully-paid), 9/9-10/3. Yager (H.) 8 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 1/9-1/3 dis.; do. Def., 1/6-1/9.

Moira (Co. Down) Rural District Council, at their monthly meeting at Lurgan, re-appointed Mr. Charles G. Thompson, veterinary surgeon, Lurgan, as Veterinary Inspector to the Council for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

THE OUTLOOK.

A slowing down of business, and an increased tendency to take profits as the Christmas holiday approaches, is possible, but it is reasonable to assume that the check to Stock Exchange activity will not last long. Although trade is reviving, and in spite of the big demands upon the purse of the investor made by new issues, there is a large volume of capital seeking employment in temporary investments. Consequently, Industrials are likely to remain in favour (writes *The Sunday Times*); for it is here that opportunities are to be found, and the spectacular advances in several of the leading speculative counters have whetted the public appetite. But discrimination is very necessary, for prosperity in industry is far from being general, and the fact that luxury and semi-luxury undertakings are doing well, while cotton, coal and iron are depressed, does not denote a healthy state of affairs. A revival in the heavy industries is mainly a question of lower taxation, enabling British goods to enter the world's markets at competitive prices, and it is, therefore, to be hoped that the talk of a reduction of 6d. in the income tax will prove well founded. This hope, even more than the prospect of a lower Bank rate, is responsible for the rise in gilt-edged stocks, which seems likely to make further progress in the early months of the new year. The return of gold from America will create confidence and tend to raise the investment status of British securities. At such a time it seems undesirable to cheapen the national credit by appeals to the gambling instinct, such as the "bonus bonds" scheme advocated by a Parliamentary group. The contemplated construction of new ships on a liberal scale by the P. and O. indicates faith in the future of British shipping, and, although holders of the company's Deferred stock did not take kindly to the hint of only a moderate dividend, those who are prepared to wait for the results of the forward policy will probably be rewarded in the end.

OVERTIME AT THE BANK.

The Old Lady of Threadneedle street has been in a state of perturbation owing to an objection by the Treasury to foot the bill for £10,000 put in by the clerks of the Bank of England who worked overtime during the recent conversion operations. Many conversations are in progress, and the entire staff is disturbed at the suggestion that is being made that overtime rates shall be reduced. Roughly speaking, some three months' overtime was worked between August 1 and October 30 by batches of clerks ranging in number per night from 200 to 1,300. The average time worked was about five hours, from 4 o'clock to 9 o'clock. This time included one hour for dinner. The average payment is about 2s. 6d. an hour. This is the amount received by the "Fourths." Probationers and assistants and girls received slightly less, while "Thirds" and higher officials received more. No payment was made for the first hour, this being counterbalanced by payment for the dinner hour. The average per night was therefore about 10s. It is now suggested that, while the first hour should still be worked without payment, no payment should be made for the dinner hour, thus reducing the nightly average to 7s. 6d., or really 1s. 10½d. per hour worked. The clerks are pointing out that an ordinary workman, when he does overtime, generally receives pay at the rate of time and a half or time and a quarter. In their case, however, the rate of pay they have been receiving is no more than three-quarters of the rate they are paid for the regular work.

TRIPLEX AT £13.

The £1 shares of the Triplex Safety Glass Company have again provided the sensation of the week (says *The Observer*). The quotation has steadily risen, until at the close on Friday the shares were called 12¾-13¼. Every kind of rumour has been in circulation, from new contracts with several other motor car makers to a reroofing contract for the Crystal Palace! Beyond the statement already issued in connection with the Ford contract the company maintains a complete silence. Although there are only 100,000 shares in existence the market so far has been a comparatively free one. Four firms of dealers have been making prices, and no difficulty has been found either in disposing of or purchasing parcels of 100 or 200 shares. Above that number some congestion is observable. The fact is that so far the market has been of an "in-and-out" character. Operators have been taking profits all the way up, and as their shares came on the market they have been bought by others eager to take part in the movement. It is quite safe to say that the whole capital of the company has changed hands many times over during the past few weeks. Some American buying has been noticeable. How far the movement will go it is impossible to say. At the moment the company is capitalised by the market at £1,300,000, which seems somewhat to discount the expected increases in net profits on the £21,633 made in the year to June 30th last.

SOUTH AMERICAN COPPER.

This company, in which Consolidated Gold Fields and National Mining are interested, is to reconstruct. It is proposed to form a new company with capital £300,000 in 2s. shares. These credited with 1s. paid are to be offered to shareholders in proportion of two shares for one held. The subscription of 1,500,000 shares will be guaranteed by the two finance companies mentioned and another syndicate, in consideration of acquiring any of the new shares not taken by the shareholders. £150,000 less expenses will be raised, if all the shares are subscribed, and advances of over £50,000 will be first liquidated. The report relates that the company possesses a very large freehold property, equipped at enormous cost and possessing many facilities, such as hydro-electric power, shortened transport to the coast and a fine quality of ore—all of which encourage belief that if the proposed programme of exploration is carried out it will yet be able to achieve success. The companies chiefly interested are following their money and we (*Investors' Chronicle*) think that shareholders should take up their quota. It is probable that after the reconstruction the shares will be quoted at a higher proportionate price than can now be obtained for them.

WIRELESS PROGRESS.

It will be remembered that the short-wave wireless "beam" services between England and the Dominions were opened on the following dates:—Canada, October 25th, 1926; Australia, April 8th, 1927; South Africa, July 5th, 1927; India, September 6th, 1927. It now transpires that Marconi "beam" services are also in operation to New York and South America—Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Ayres. The "beam" service operates both to and from Rio de Janeiro, but at present Buenos Ayres has no "beam" aerials; so that while messages are sent from London by "beam" to Buenos Ayres, there is no "beam" in the reverse direction. It is expected, however, that this service will be made into a complete two-way "beam" service in the near future.

SHILLING SHARES.

Infinite harm is being done to serious investment business by the misuse which is being made in so many capital issues of the shilling share. It has led to a new form of speculation which is as near to a pure gamble as any Stock Exchange transaction can go. Issues are made usually on a *pro rata* basis, it being possible to apply for one shilling share for every preferred share applied for. The gambler wants the shilling share, and directly allotments are made there is a rush to sell the £1 shares. The result is that whatever the intrinsic merits of the preferred shares there is a glut in the market for them, and down the quotation goes to a discount. On the other hand, everyone wants to keep the shilling shares. Usually only a few, say, 150,000 out of 1,000,000, are available, and the price is rushed up often to absurd premiums. The effect has been that to-day there is a long list of companies, some of them with quite good businesses, the preferred shares of which offer yields of from 8 to 10 per cent. The position is thus made extremely difficult for those who desire to raise capital at fair rates and under proper conditions (writes *The Observer*). The use of the word "preference" for a class of capital which represents four-fifths of the money put up is misleading. The word should be really "limited," for the effect of such capitalisation is to give those who provide the bulk of the money a limitation in profits and control. The most serious effect, however, is the lowering of the status of the preference share, *i.e.*, the raising of the yield to be obtained on them. This is a serious matter for everyone concerned with the best traditions of joint stock company finance.

MESSRS. GUINNESS, MAHON.

Messrs. Guinness, Mahon and Co. announce that Mr. Henry Eustace Guinness, son of their Mr. Richard Noel Guinness, has been admitted a partner of the firm.

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK.

The following are the rises and falls in active stocks and shares dealt in on Dublin Stock Exchange during the past week as compared with last price on December 9:—

RISES.

	Price Dec. 9.	Price Dec. 16.	
National Loan	97⅞	98¼	+⅜
Land Bonds	91¼	91½	+¼
Consols	54¼	54 11/16	+7/16
5 p.c. War Loan	101 3/16	101 7/16	+¼
Funding Loan	85 15/16	86⅛	+3/16
Conversion Loan	74 9/16	75 9/16	+1
Land Stock (1921)	65⅛	65¼	+⅛
Land Stock (1909)	62 3/16	62⅜	+3/16
Local Loans	62¼	63⅛	+⅞
Dublin 3½ p.c.	68⅜	69	+⅝
Hibernian Bank	8¼	8⅜	+⅛
Munster-Leinster Bank	7¼	7 5/16	+1/16
Provincial Bank	25¾	25⅞	+⅛
Provincial Bank, New	21¼	21½	+¼
Royal Bank	11⅛	11 11/16	+9/16
Great Northern Ord.	32⅞	33⅜	+½
Great Southern Pref.	39	40¼	+1¼
Great Southern Guar.	50	51¼	+1¼
Do. Loop Line Guar.	57	58	+1
Alliance Gas	9 1/16	9⅛	+1/16
Bradford Dyers	46/0	47/10½	+1/10½
Branston Silk Ord.	15/7½	16/1½	+0/6
Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	103/9	104/6	+0/9
Chartered (B.S.A.)	24/10½	25/6	+0/7½
Courtaulds	149/3	153/3	+4/0
Courtaulds Pref.	19/0	19/6	+0/6
Crowe, Wilson Ord.	8/0	9/0	+1/0
Dublin Tram Ord.	68/6	81/0	+12/6
Dublin Tram Pref.	6 1/16	6½	+7/16
Fine Spinners	47/10½	48/3	+0/4½
Guinness Pref.	11⅛	11¼	+⅛
Imperial Tobacco	100/6	102/0	+1/6
Irish Times 6½ p.c.	17/6	17/9	+0/3
McKenzie (Thomas)	13/9	14/0	+0/3
Marconis	31/4½	34/7½	+3/3
Marconi Pref.	37/6	41/0	+3/6
Merchants W'housing	31/6	32/0	+0/6
Parent Trust Def.	36/6	38/6	+2/0
Parkes Pref.	10/0	10/3	+0/3
Vocalion Gram. Ord.	39/3	46/0	+6/9

FALLS.

	Price Dec. 9.	Price Dec. 16.	
Compensation Stock	97	96½	−½
Land Stock (1903)	57½	57¼	−¼
India 3½ p.c.	70⅝	70½	−⅛
Dublin 5 p.c.	95½	95	−½
Bank of Ireland	274	272	−2
Great Southern Ord.	18⅛	18	−⅛
Great Southern Deb.	62	61	−1
Coats	64/6	64/3	−0/3
Coats B Pref.	22/6	22/0	−0/6
Dublin Tram B Deb.	61	60½	−½
Dunlops	33/4½	32/4½	−1/0
Guinness Ord.	46 11/16	46⅝	−1/16
Power Pref.	14/0	13/9	−0/3
Vickers	11/10½	11/1½	−0/9
Shells	89/7½	88/9	−0/10½

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ULSTER BANK.—The Ulster Bank report for the year ended 30th November states:—The net profits of the bank for the past year amounted to £210,818 0s. 5d., and this sum added to £49,621 9s., the balance of undivided profits from the previous year, leaves an available total of £260,439 9s. 5d. Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 21¼ per cent. per annum, amounting to £106,250, less £21,250 for income tax—£85,000—have been paid to the shareholders, £100,000 has been appropriated to the reserve fund, and the balance remaining, £75,439 9s. 5d., is carried forward to undivided profits account. All ascertained bad and doubtful debts have been written off or fully provided for. The bank general meeting will be held on December 30.

A. AND F. PEARS.—Interim dividend of 10 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary. (Last year no interim dividend.)

BODEGA.—Half-year's dividend to December 31 on 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares, less tax, will be paid on January 2, 1928.

DUCKWARI TEA AND RUBBER.—Second interim dividend of 15 per cent. on Ord. shares in respect of year ending December 31, 1927.

CADENA CAFES.—Dividend of 12½ per cent. on Ordinary, making 20 per cent. for the year. (Same.)

DISTRICT MESSENGER AND THEATRE TICKET.—Interim dividend of 2½ per cent., free of tax, on Ordinary. (Same.)

DUNDEE, PERTH AND LONDON SHIPPING.—Interim dividend of 4 per cent., less tax, for half-year. (Same.)

EDINBURGH AND DUNDEE INVESTMENT.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent. actual, less tax, on Ord. (Against 9 per cent. on the smaller capital.)

HOARE AND CO.—Interim dividend of 7 per cent. (Against 5 per cent.)

JAVA SUGAR.—Interim dividend of 15 per cent., as compared with 8 per cent. last year.

LAURENTIAN POWER CO. will, on January 3, redeem all of its 6 per cent. First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds, which may then be outstanding, by payment of the principal thereof with a premium of 10 per cent. thereon and accrued interest.

LEWIS AND PEAT.—Fourth interim dividend of 5 per cent. on Ordinary. (Same as previous interims.)

MARGARINE UNION.—By arrangement with the directors of Van den Berghs, the Union makes the following offer to the holders of Ord. shares in Van den Berghs, viz.:—To exchange their Ord. shares of 5s. each fully paid for Ord. shares of £1 each fully paid of Margarine Union at rate of two Van den Berghs' shares for five Margarine Union shares. Shareholders who would be entitled to a half-share in Margarine Union by reason of holding an uneven number of Van den Berghs' shares will receive in lieu thereof 15s. in cash. This offer will remain open until January 17, 1928.

MINCING LANE UNDERWRITERS.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax.

NATAL NAVIGATION COLLIERIES AND ESTATE CO.—Dividend of 7½ per cent. (Same.)

NEW INVESTMENT.—Interim dividend 5 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Ordinary. (Same.)

OILFIELDS FINANCE.—Accounts for year to June 30, 1927, show profit of £654. (Against £2,500.)

PEEL RIVER LAND AND MINERAL.—Final dividend of 4 per cent. (free of tax), making 8 per cent. for year. (Same.)

PARENT TRUST AND FINANCE.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax, on Deferred Shares. (Same.)

PELMADULLA RUBBER.—An interim dividend of 7½ per cent. (less income tax) on account of 1927. This, with 7½ per cent. paid in August, will bring up interim distributions for 1927 to 15 per cent.

RIO CAPE LINE.—Dividend 5 per cent., free of tax. (Last year no dividend.)

REEVES AND SONS.—Interim dividend 2½ per cent., less tax, on Ordinary. (Same.)

RICHARD WHEEN AND SONS.—Two half-yearly dividends on 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference will be paid on December 31, 1927. These will be in respect of half-years ended December 31, 1926, and June 30, 1927. After this double payment there will still remain one half-yearly dividend in arrear.

SOUTH BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST.—Interim dividend of 4½d. per share, less tax.

TWO BUMPER CANADIAN DIVIDENDS.—The Premier Gold Mining Company declares a regular quarterly dividend of $400,000, payable 4th January, at the rate of 8 cents per share on the 5,000,000 shares in issue. This disbursement will bring the grand total of payments during the seven years' operation of the mine to more than $11,750,000. The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, at Trail, British Columbia, is paying for this year a total of 10 per cent. dividend on $12,750,000 capitalisation, plus a $10 bonus on 500,000 shares, making the aggregate payment to the shareholders $6,250,000. The control of the company lies with the Canadian Pacific Railway. For 1926 the Consolidated Smelters paid 8 per cent. dividend plus $8 bonus on its $25 shares. The company owns one of the biggest lead mines in the world—the Sullivan—and also one of the largest non-ferrous smelters.

UNIC MOTORS.—Accounts to 31st July show, after writing off £59,152 from Alperton Works, etc., £35,977 from trade marks and goodwill, and crediting £44,668 transferred from capital reserve account, debit of £20,966 brought forward is increased to £78,225.

WHEAL REETH TIN.—Circular states that total expenditure to date from inception, including preliminary expenses, is approximately £25,000. The available cash resources amount to £22,250, and it is stated that the company is working well within the prospectus estimates. It is expected to start producing tin early in the new year.

W. AND T. AVERY.—Interim dividend 5 per cent. on Ordinary for half-year. (Same.)

W. ABBOTT AND SONS.—Dividend of 12½ per cent., less tax, on Ordinary, making 15 per cent. for the year.

YORKSHIRE DYEWARE AND CHEMICAL.—Interim dividend 5 per cent., less tax, for half-year. (Same.)

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET.

Friday's closing prices:—Albion Motor, 51/6; Austin Ord., 21/3; ditto B Pref., 24/1½; ditto Preferred 10 per cent., 13/-; ditto Deb. 6½ per cent., 96; Birmingham Aluminium Castings, 23/6 (x.d.); Birmingham Small Arms, 12/-; Bluemel Bros., 57/6; Bowden Brake, 2/3; Bretts Stamping, 26/-; Brooks (J. B.), 30/3; Brown Bros., 26/1½; ditto Pref., 21/3; Components, 7/3; Coventry Chain, 20/6; Crossley Motors, 6/-; Dennis Bros., 9⅞ (x.d.); Enfield Cycle, 25/3; Fodens, 18/1½; Guy Motors, 27/7½; Halford Cycle, 51/-; Hughes Johnson, 37/-; Humber, 23/- (x.d.); ditto Pref., 15/3 (x.d.); James Cycle, 14/6; Leyland Motor, 17/7½; Lucas (Jos.), 87/1½; Maudslay, 19/6; Morris Motors Pref., 18/6; Napier Ord., 67/-; ditto Pref., 23/6; New Hudson, 12/1½; Riley (Coventry), 10/6; Rolls Royce, 33/-; Rovers, 8/-; Rudge-Whitworth, 5/9; ditto Pref., 32/-; Scott Motor Cycle, 2/10½; S.T.D. Motors, 6/3; ditto Pref., 13/-; ditto 8 per cent Notes, 102¾; Serck Radiators, 33/6; Singer and Co., 60/6; Smith (S.) and Sons Defd., 7/9; Smith's Stamping, 24/3; Standard Motor, 17/10½; Star Engineering, 4/-; Stevens (A. J.), 19/9; Swift, 3/-; ditto Pref., 4/-; Tilling-Stevens, 5/-; ditto Pref., 12/9; Triumph, 24/-; Vauxhall Motor Pref., 14/6; Vulcan Motor, 3/9; Dunlop Rubber, 32/4½; ditto A Pref., 22/6; ditto B Pref., 23/10½; Leyland Rubber, 23/-; Parent Trust Ord., 21/7½; ditto Pref., 15/-; ditto Deferred, 37/-; Tyre Investment, 3/6.

IRISH FAIRS.

KELLS (CO. MEATH).—The Christmas Fair, held last Saturday, was rather disappointing. There was but a small supply of cattle on offer, and few buyers were present. There was a fairly brisk demand for good conditioned stores. Beef realised from 35/- to 40/- per cwt., pollies £16 to £18 each, two-year-old stores £13 10/- to £16 each, year-and-a-half-olds £11 to £15, yearlings £9 to £11 10/-. Only two wagons of cattle were despatched by rail, and these were consigned to Birkenhead.

IRISH LIVE STOCK PRICES AT A GLANCE.

Appended is a table of prices obtained at certain Irish fairs and Dublin Cattle Market last week. It is compiled by our Agricultural Correspondent for the purpose of showing how values compare at different centres:—

Market or Fair.	Store Cattle, per cwt. Live Weight	Fat Cattle per cwt. Live Weight.	Springers, per Head.	Milch Cows per Head.	Fat Sheep per Head.	Lambs per Head
Dublin ...	31/6 to 41/-	24/6 to 44/3	£18 to £28	£16 to £26	41/- to 80/-	33/- to 55/-
Belfast ...	....	30/- to 45/-	£20 to £30	£17 to £28	45/- to 75/-	30/- to 50/-
Balla	31/6 to 34/-	24/-	£12 10/- to £23	£12 to £21 10/-	48/- to 65/-	40/- to 50/-
Ballygawley ...	37/- to 41/-	....	£17 to £24	£16 to £22	....	30/- to 37/6
Enniskillen ...	33/- to 38/-	32/- to 38/-	£14 to £24	£12 to £22	....	45/-
Elphin ...	32/- to 38/-	28/- to 42/-	£18 to £27	£15 to £24	45/- to 80/-	45/- to 55/-
Irvinestown ...	39/- to 41/-	....	£16 to £24	£14 to £20	....	....
Miltown-Malbay	31/- to 34/-	22/-	£18 to £25	£15 to £22	....	....
Mullingar ...	32/6 to 37/6	24/- to 37/-	£17 to £28	£14 to £25	50/- to 70/-	30/- to 55/-
Tullow ...	31/- to 34/-	33/- to 36/-	£15 to £27	£14 to £24	35/- to 60/-	25/- to 45/-
Navan ...	32/- to 36/-	30/- to 38/-	£14 to £25	£12 10/- to £21 10/-	30/- to 75/-	40/- to 55/-
Ardnaree ...	32/- to 35/-	22/6 to 36/-	£12 10/- to £22 10/-	£11 10/- to £19	50/- to 60/-	....
Cavan ...	32/- to 37/-	20/- to 38/-	£13 5/- to £30	£12 5/- to £25	40/- to 55/-	....
Macroom ...	30/- to 34/-	18/- to 36/-	£12 10/- to £26	£16 to £24	45/- to 70/-	30/- to 55/-
Midleton ...	28/- to 34/-	17/- to 37/-	£16 to £25	£17 to £19 10/-	37/- to 72/6	30/- to 50/-
Newcastle West	32/- to 33/-	19/- to 34/-	£13 10/- to £23	....	60/- to 70/-	....
Drogheda ...	32/- to 35/-	28/- to 37/-	£15 10/- to £30	£13 10/- to £25 10/-	29/- to 70/-	40/- to 53/-
Kilkenny ...	31/- to 35/-	25/- to 37/-	£16 to £28	£14 to £19	50/- to 65/-	45/- to 52/6
Kilrea ...	33/- to 36/-	40/-	£20 to £25	£19 to £27	50/- to 65/-	....

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

NORWICH.—A fair show of fat beasts were a shade firmer, and best sorts ranged from 11/6 to 12/-, while other qualities made up to 10/- per stone. Store cattle were in shorter supply and met a slow trade at from £10 to £21. Calves were offered in good numbers and late rates were maintained for veal. There was a fair inquiry for mutton, which was in good supply, hoggets making up to 1/2 per lb. Store sheep were numerous and in good demand at 55/-. A large show of pigs were penned on Saturday and cutters experienced a good demand, ranging from 12/- to 13/- per stone, while heavy fat hogs realised 8/- to 10/- per stone. Sows met a fair trade at £11 10/-. A small show of stores met a fair demand. At market—Cattle 2,000, sheep 650, and pigs 590.

DONCASTER.—Though supplies were below average they were quite good for the period, but demand was slow, with prices steady. Good milk beasts made up to £30, secondary £24 to £26, three-year-old bullocks £18 to £20, and stirks £10 to £12. Sheep trade almost nil. Pigs slow trade; few offering, and prices had downward tendency.

GRAIN

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT—Cargo market quiet but fully steady, and Canadian descriptions less freely offered. White Pacific afloat quoted 48/9, December, also January 49/6; No. 3 Northern Manitoba (Pacific) afloat 50/-, December, also January 50/-; West Australian loading 52/3, also first half January; Rosafe 64lb. January 49/3, do. 63lb. 48/9 per 480lb. Parcels quiet, but Canadian grades held for a slight advance. MAIZE cargee firmer and sellers more reserved. La Plata steamers loading, sellers, also January 36/-, February 36/3, new crop April 34/6. Parcels steadier; Plate December-January sold 35/6, February-March 35/6, new May-June 31/9 per 480lb., March 35/6, new May-June 31/9 per 480lb. BARLEY inactive and nominally unaltered. OATS dull; Plate December sellers 25/-, January-February 24/3, Chilian January-February, also February-March 25/3 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—Steadier American and Argentine cables were counteracted by free sellers of Argentine c.i.f. parcels and large increase in visible supply, and forward deliveries of wheat here were unchanged at the outset, but afterwards improved on some demand from "shorts" to cover, and showed a moderate advance at the finish. C.i.f. parcels of wheat unchanged to 3d. dearer, but the only business reported was Rosario Santa Fe (64lbs.) expected to load December 20, at 48/10½ per quarter. C.i.f. parcels of MAIZE River Plate held for 3d advance, but no business reported; December-January quoted 35/3 and March-April 33/6 per quarter. Wheat on the spot quietly steady. Maize spot parcels firm and dearer at 7/8 to 7/8½ per cental for River Plate. FLOUR deliveries on a freer scale, but officially unchanged at 39/- per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened unchanged, but afterwards improved, with slight interruption, closing steady at ½d. to ⅞d. over Friday night. Closing sales: 60 loads at 10/3½ for December, 10/2½, 10/2½ March, and 10/1½, 10/2¼, 10/2 May delivery. Closing prices: December 10/3½, March 10/2½, May 10/0½ per cental. River Plate Maize options closed ½d. dearer; sales, 10 loads at 7/8½ for February and 7/9 March, and values, January closing 7/7½ per cental.

NEWCASTLE.—Market slow, dragging trade. Prices unchanged. Quotations:—Foreign wheat 11/3 to 13/-. English 10/6 to 10/8. Maize 8/9. Foreign oats, old black 9/6; natives, old 13/-, new 10/3 to 10/6. Flour 41/- to 43/-.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—Irish rules quiet, but not quotably altered, but Continental more steadily held, with Danish in fair demand at higher prices of 78/- to 82/- and Swedish 70/- to 74/- per cwt., though Canadian Wiltshire in bales reduced to 70/- to 74/- per cwt. American selections, however, quietly steady at late prices for all descriptions. HAMS scarce and steady with a moderate demand at recent currencies. Shoulders nominal in the absence of offerings. LARD on the spot held at late prices for both prime steam and American refined, but trading of only a moderate character. CHEESE in only moderate request at late rates. BUTTER moves only quietly into consumption, though a somewhat steadier tone prevails. EGGS quiet at 24/- to 25/6 per 120 for Irish fresh hen and 19/- to 21/- for duck.

LIVERPOOL REFINED LARD "FUTURES."—Chicago finished about as generally looked for, and no material change took place from Friday night in the limited business concluded, January selling at 67/3 and May 63/9 per cwt. Closing prices—January 62/6, May 63/9 per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Vegetables were in heavy supply and there was a great deal of inferior class cabbage, which was hard to sell. Swede turnips in demand, and everything else met a fair inquiry at the following quotations:—York cabbage 10/- to 20/- and 30/- per load, Savoy 8/- to 12/- and 17/- per load; Swede turnips 1/6 to 1/8 per cwt.; carrots 2/3 to 2/9 per dozen bunches; celery 8d. to 1/3 for ordinary and table qualities 2/- to 3/-; parsley 11d. to 1/- per tray; mangolds 1/4 per cwt.; lettuce 10d. to 1/- per dozen; prouts 2/- to 3/- per float; thyme 2d. to 3d. per bunch, leeks 2/- to 2/6 per dozen; parsnips 1/6 to 1/9 per dozen, also 4/- to 5/- per bag; cauliflowers 2/- to 2/2 per dozen.

CORK BUTTER.—Diminishing inquiry; dull tone; prices receding. Creameries 168/- to 170/- per cwt., choicest fresh 167/-, special dairies extra.

DUBLIN FISH.—Demand was fair for the rather restricted arrival of fish on market—namely, four chests lobsters, 50 boxes herrings, and a small lot from country hookers and wind trawlers. Prices:—Large lobsters 20/- to 30/-, seconds 10/- to 15/-, small 5/- to 7/6 per lot of 13; large soles 20/- to 30/- per 8 and 9 pairs, mediums 12/6 to 17/6, slips 5/- to 7/- per lot; turbot 1/6 to 2/6 each; brill 1/- to 2/- each; plaice 20/- to 30/-, ray 10/- to 15/- per half box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Good supplies; steady demand. Soles 14d. to 18d., slips 11d. to 18d., lobsters 21d. to 33d. per lb.; live eels 12/- to 27/-, dead 10/- to 24/- per draught; turbot 14/- to 17/-, brill 8/- to 12/-, plaice 6/- to 14/-, halibut 12/- to 17/-, lemon soles 10/- to 15/-, cod 3/- to 5/-, whiting 2/- to 5/-, hake 9/- to 11/-, skate 4/- to 6/-, haddocks 3/- to 7/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—The market closed the week with a quiet tone, as trade buyers in general manifest no disposition to depart from the hand-to-mouth policy followed for some considerable time past. Prices, however, hold together well, as no undue pressure of supplies arises. Continental refiners still offer reservedly. British refined unaltered; also home-grown granulated. Of imported, Dutch J spot London new landed sold 28/4½. Continental for shipment firm. Czecho granulated ready 15/5¼, Dutch J 15/9 f.o.b. Peruvian December 96 per cent. 13/-, San Domingo and Brazilian 96 per cent. sellers 13/1½ c.i.f. United Kingdom white Java to India dull at late rates. White terminal steady, with a fair business passing. December sold 14/9¼, January (1928) 16/5¼, March 16/9, May 17/0¼, August 17/3, and December 17/-. COFFEE—Market fully steady for all the finer liquoring grades, but common quiet, and obtainable at easy rates. COCOA—Market unaltered. TEA—In the absence of public sales business is reduced to a minimum, and prices nominally unaltered.

RICE continues dull, and rather featureless. Burma No. 2 spot sellers 15/6, January-February shipment 14/6 c.i.f. United Kingdom. Italian December-January 16/- to 17/-, and Spanish 17/- to 17/3 c.i.f. United Kingdom. Beans dull, unaltered. Peas steady. November-December sellers 23/-, December-January 23/4½, January-February 23/9, February-March 24/3. SPICE—Pepper firmer, with a fair demand. Black Singapore January-March quoted 1/3, Lampong ditto January-March 1/3½, March-May 1/3¼, Muntok, January-March, 1/8½. Zanzibar closes spot 1/7½, February-April quoted 6½d., Pimento spot 7d. per lb. Tapioca firm. Sago flour near quoted 13/10½, January-February 14/- per cwt. c.i.f. United Kingdom.

JUTE firmer and dearer. Firsts November-December sold £31, December-January quoted £31 5/-, January-February sold £31 15/-, February-March £32 5/-. Lightnings, December-January, January-February, quoted £27 5/-. HEMP—Manila descriptions steadily held, but trade quiet. J 2 January-March sellers £42, K ditto £39, L 1 £37 10/-, L 2 quoted £36 10/-. African sisal quiet. No. 1 December-February quoted £37 10/-, No. 2 £30 10/- per ton. Mexican slow, unaltered. SHELLAC quiet. T.N. spot 255/-, December 250/-, March 253/- per cwt. COPRA steady, but inactive. Palm kernels dull and unchanged.

RUBBER—Gains of ⅛d. per lb. for spot and all forward positions were recorded in the rubber market, although business was rather slack. London Stock figures to-day are expected to show a decline as compared with an increase shown by last Monday's figures. At the close spot and December were quoted at 1/7½, January 1/7¾, February 1/7¾, January-March 1/7¾, April-June 1/8¼, and July-September 1/8½, these prices showing little change on those of Monday last. OILS—Linseed quiet and easier. Spot quoted 29/-, December sold 27/10½, January-April 28/1½, May-August quoted 28/9. Rape, cotton, castor, turpentine soya, unaltered. Petroleum steady. American standard white spot 1/-, water-white 1/1 per gallon, in barrels. OILSEEDS—Linseed. Market quiet and easier for distant La Plata. Calcutta to London, November-December, also December-January, sellers, £17 3/9; Plate to Hull, afloat, £15 12/6, December £15 5/-, December-January £15, January-February, new crop, £14 17/6. Rapeseed quiet; Toria December-January £19 15/-. Cottonseed dull. Egyptian black to Hull December, also January, £11 17/6, white ditto £11 7/6, Bombay January-February £8 13/9. Groundnuts steady. Coromandel machined November-December £21, December-January £21, January-February £20 17/6, bold Bombay January-February £20 8/9 per ton.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR steady, with Brazilian December shipment offering at 13/1½ per cwt., c.i.f. to United Kingdom, basis 96 deg. pol. COCOA—West African quiet, unchanged spot. Forward new crop sellers December-January, January-February, and February-March 53/-, and buyers 6d. per cwt., less f.o.b. COFFEE—The demand continues slow, but values about maintained. RICE—Burmah firm at 16/- to 16/6 for No. 2 on spot, and 14/6 per cwt. c.i.f. forward old and new crops, with a quiet demand. HEMP—Manila steadier for J 2. Buyers December-February and January-March £41 10/-. Lower grades unchanged. Values £39, K 37, L 1 £36 per ton. 12 M L January-March c.i.f. SAGO FLOUR—Sarawak on spot quiet at 15/6 to 16/- ex store, and sellers December-January 13/9 per cwt., c.i.f. JAPANESE PEAS quiet at 24/6 on spot, 24/- afloat c.i.f., and 23/6 per cwt., c.i.f. forward shipments. RANGOON BEANS—White hand-picked scarce at 21/9 spot, and 12/- c.i.f. quoted forward. F.a.q., to arrive scarce at 9/1½ to 9/3 per cwt. c.i.f. BEANS—Chilian white Pallares steady, spot 19/6, forward 19/9 c.i.f. Chilian white haricots to arrive remain at 19/-. Caballeros and Flageolets, and 15/- per cwt., c.i.f. forward Tuquitos. HONEY steady. Spot Chilian quoted 50/- Pile X, 47/6 Pile 1, 45/- Pile 2, 42/6 Pile 3 in cases. Barrels quoted 52/6 Pile X, 47/6 Pile 1, 37/- Pile 3. COPRA—West African sundried scarce. Values £27 2/6 per ton. RICE BRAN—Burmah new crop May-August £6 12/6 per ton sellers, ex ship terms. LOCUST BEANS—Cyprus spot held for £7 7/6 to £7 10/- ex store in bags, and £6 5/- to £6 10/- per ton c.i.f. for shipment in bulk.

OIL CAKES—Prices maintained, but trading very moderate. American linseed £11 2/6, Bombay expeller £10 17/6, and River Plate £11 7/6 c.i.f. Decr. Egyptian undecorticated optional brands cottonseed £7 10/- quoted forward ex ship. Burmah ground nut 40 p.c., £9 7/6 wanted December-January, and 37 p.c. £8 5/-, c.i.f. March-May. American cottonseed meals nominal for £12 50 p.c., and £11 per ton 36 p.c. c.i.f. LINSEED steady; £15 3/9 new crop Plate January, £15 2/6 per ton February. COTTONSEED firm; £8 15/- per ton buyers Brazil f.a.q., c.i.f. January-February. PALM KERNELS fully steady. Buyers to Liverpool £20 17/6, November-December and December-January £20 16/3, January-February sellers at 2/6 per ton more. PALM KERNEL OIL quiet, steady. Liverpool crushed crude G.M.Q. £39 per ton. COCOANUT OIL unchanged. Ceylon forward c.i.f. Liverpool, £41 5/- quoted., mill oil £42 5/- drums, white Ceylon £43 5/- wood packages, £42 5/- per ton drums. SEED OILS—Cottonseed firm, and in demand. Common edible held for 42/6, deodorised 44/6 nett naked ex mills. Linseed quiet, 33/6 raw, 35/6 per cwt. boiled spot in barrles. PALM OIL quiet, steady. Soft oils spot sold £33 10/-. February-March arrived quoted £34 5/- per ton.

TALLOW steady. South American December-January 38/9 per cwt. c.i.f. quoted. CASTOR OIL—English firm. Pharmacy quoted £53 15/- firsts £47 15/-, seconds £45 15/- ex mills, Hull, in barrels; Madras forward £44 10/- per ton quoted c.i.f.; good seconds Calcutta forward 5½d. per lb. repeated quay terms Liverpool in cases. NITRATE OF SODA—Spot quiet, steady £11 5/-, ordinary £11 10/- per ton refined in single bags. RUBBER—Para hard fine spot 1/5 to 1/5¼. Plantation spot buyers 1/7½ to 1/7⅝, April-June 1/8½ per lb. CUTCH steady, slow. Burmah spot 42/- to 48/-, forward c.i.f. 42/- to 43/- per cwt. GUM—Niger Arabic quiet, but spot prices unchanged. GAMBIER—Spot block steady, 32/6, forward 25/- to 25/6 c.i.f. No. 1 Cubes spot scarce at 45/- to 47/6, forward 42/6 to 43/- per cwt. c.i.f. ROSIN firm; 20/6 F and G American, 22/6 N, 25/6 WG, 27/6 per cwt. WW. TURPENTINE steady; American spot 42/- per cwt. PETROLEUM OILS steady; American refined in barrels spot 1/1 to 1/2 per gallon. QUILLAI BARK quiet, steady, 55/- spot, 42/- January-February c.i.f. and 41/6 per cwt., February-March shipments c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL. — SUGAR — The following are Messrs. Tate and Lyle's (Ltd.) quotations: Crystals—No. 1 31/9, small No. 1 31/3, No. 2 30/-, bright 29/10½. Granulated—Standard 29/9, H.T.S. 29/10½, coarse 30/1½, fine 30/1½ ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes ex refinery in London—First quality 32/6, H.T.S. 32/3, afternoon tea 32/9, less 1½ p.c. discount.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—Market for refined sugars was quieter last week, Clyde granulated being quoted 29/- January-March delivery, home-grown being generally 3d. dearer, but Cupar deliveries withdrawn, while Orchard being obtainable at 28/7½ per cwt. ex factory. Market closed very firm. Continental advance 1½d. higher owing to weather report indicating early closing of the River Elbe.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. — American futures opened about 12 to 14 points higher on the overnight New York cables, and although some realisations followed, which caused a reaction of a few points, further support later in the morning caused prices to again move in the upward direction. At the close the tone was quiet but steady, with the final value about 12 to 13 points up on the day. Egyptian Futures—Egyptians closed under the best, but quotations of Sakellaridis were about 10 and upper about 15 points higher on the day. Spot market—American is a quiet market, but prices are advanced 9 points. For Brazilian there is little doing. Quotations, however, are 9 points higher. In Egyptian, quotations of Sakellaridis are raised 10 points and of upper and pilion 15 points. East Indian quiet, but prices show an advance of 5 points. Spot quotations—American middling 10.77d., Brazilian, Pernam, Maceio, etc., fair 11.02d., Egyptian Sakellaridis F.G.F. 17.35d., East Indian M.G. broach good 8.95d., F.G. 9.25d., fine 9.55d., East Indian Tinnivelly F.G.F. 9.75d., good 10.05d., East Indian M.G. Oomra good 8.30d., F.G. 8.55d., fine 8.80d., East Indian M.G. Bengal good 7.65d., F.G. 7.85d., fine 8.05d.

LEICESTER WOOL.—The cold weather has come too late to make much improvement in the heavy hosiery trade this year, for most of the wholesale houses have closed their order books for the purposes of stock-taking. Still one or two firms have had welcome orders conditional on the goods being rushed. Shipping orders are fair. Wools are quoted a ½d. to 1d. up according to quality, but the markings are largely nominal owing to the very small trade that is being done. Yarns are also correspondingly dearer, but here again trade is dull.

MANCHESTER MARKETS REVIEW.

FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Although Christmas is rapidly approaching, it cannot be said that there is any great amount of activity in the provision trade. In fact, so far as butter is concerned, there has been a sharp reduction in the official price of Danish, and this has, naturally, been followed by other descriptions of Continental and Colonial butters. The firmer feeling was no doubt due to the recent dock strike in Australia, but now this has been settled the position has eased materially. Consignments of Danish and Swedish bacon to the North of England were on a very large scale, and were certainly much heavier than at any time since the end of the Great War. It is satisfactory to note that these have been cleared, notwithstanding the rather depressed condition of the market prior to their arrival. London buyers relieved the situation to a great extent, and large quantities are reported to have been shipped to the South of England. The spot market is decidedly steadier, and prices occasionally show an upward tendency, Danish being unchanged to 1s. higher, Swedish 1s. to 2s. dearer; but no quotable change is reported in either Irish or Dutch. During the early part of the week there was a rather easier feeling in eggs, but there was a steadier tone towards the close. Adverse weather conditions in Russia affected production of butter in that country, and there was a smaller out-turn in consequence. The total production during the year was 4,352,000 pouds against 4,999,000 pouds in the preceding year. According to official returns from Canada, production of butter in that country showed a marked increase in 1926, amounting to 178,156,375lb., valued at 62,025,049 dollars, an increase in quantity compared with the preceding year of 8,661,408lb., but a decrease in value of 903,048 dollars. The average price per lb. at the creamery in 1926 was 34.81 cents, compared with an average of 37.17 cents in 1925. The output of 1926 is the second largest in the history of the industry, and is less than the record production of 1924 by only 737,562lb. The total value of the production is only exceeded by two years—namely, 1920 and 1925, the difference in favour of the year 1920 being 1,600,154 dollars, and of the year 1925 983,048 dollars. All the provinces showed increased production, Manitoba having the largest proportionate increase.

There was a firmer tone to note in all sections at Salford Cattle Market on Tuesday. Fat cattle were shown in smaller numbers, and experienced a ready sale at an advance of about a halfpenny per lb. as compared with the previous week. A firm tone was also experienced for sheep and second quality lambs, with best Welsh and North country lambs commanding higher figures. At the Manchester Pig Market the position during the early part of the week could hardly be described as encouraging, and there was little or no improvement to note at the close. Business at the Manchester Dead Meat Market has been quiet throughout the week, though towards the finish there was a rather firmer feeling in both home-killed beef, mutton and lamb. Imported meat generally showed little change.

At Manchester Wholesale Poultry Market great uncertainty rules with regard to the turkey trade; buyers are holding off, and dealers are very loth to express a decided opinion as to the future course of trade. Reports as to supplies vary considerably, but there appears to be little doubt that Continental birds will be available in large quantities. Irish turkeys are quoted up to 1s. 8d., and geese generally make around 10d. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MEAT IMPORTS.

During the past week five steamers landed fresh meat at Liverpool from the various North and South American and Colonial ports. The vessels, with their freights, were as follows:—The Idomeneus, from Australia, with 23,614 sheep and lamb carcases; the Darro, from the River Plate, with 34,437 sheep and lamb carcases, 225 cases of pork, 5,741 bags, etc., of meat, and 36,151 quarters of beef; the Leitrim, from Australia, with 5,172 sheep and lamb carcases, 3,796 bags of meat, and 11,038 quarters of beef; the Aurania, from New York, with 144 boxes of pork and 1,043 packages, etc., of meat; and the Celtic, from New York, with 45 boxes of pork and 203 boxes of meat—making a total of 63,223 sheep and lamb carcases, 414 boxes of pork, 10,293 bags, etc., of meat, and 47,189 quarters of beef. Compared with the arrivals of the preceding week, these figures show an increase of 63,223 sheep and lamb carcases, 5,223 bags, etc., of meat, and 41,625 quarters of beef, and a decrease of 2,569 boxes of pork.

TROPICAL PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Tropical produce has been a variable market, though the close finds values distinctly firmer on the week. Palm oil opened more or less idle, and at one point softs on the spot changed fully 5s. per ton lower than obtained at the close of the previous week. Mediums also ruled at a lower rate, on a freer offering of near positions, but gradually the tone improved, following a steady demand from the Northern Continent, helped by a fair home inquiry. To-day softs on the spot command 7s. 6d. more at £33 12s. 6d., with January-February done up to £34, and February-March at 5s. more. For mediums on the spot £33 10s. is the ruling rate, as against £33 5s. earlier in the week, while February-March arrival stands at a premium of 10s. Hards have held steady at £33 15s. for spot, and the premium for distant has hardened 2s. 6d. in the case of January-February to £34 2s. 6d. Lagos oil on spot stands at £35, though a small quantity out of the Adda changed at 5s. less. For Sherbro sellers ask £34 10s. ex store, with December-January shipment at £34 5s.

Exports during November have been provisionally returned at 464 tons, making 9,336 tons for the eleven months of this year, as against 12,468 tons and 19,683 tons in the same periods of 1926 and 1925 respectively. Spot quotations of oil are as follows:—Lagos £35, Sherbro £35 10s., Opobo £34, Benin £33 10s., and Niger £33 15s.

Palm kernels, after a shaky start, brightened up considerably, and for the latter half of the week sellers have shown a reluctance to meet buyers. January-February to-day commands £21, as against £20 15s. at the beginning of the week, this figure also being wanted for November-December and December-January shipment. Hull consumers put through a fair business, paying £20 12s. 6d. up to £20 17s. 6d. for November-December shipment, with January-February done at £20 11s. 3d. up to £20 16s. 3d. The Northern Continent has been interested in early shipment, December-January changing hands at £20 11s. 3d. up to £20 17s 6d., with second-hands 1s. 3d. under the latter figure.

Copra finishes the week much firmer, and 2s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. higher, £28 6s. 3d. being wanted for December-January F.M.S. Straits, after £28 2s. 6d. had been accepted. Marseilles has only been interested to a moderate extent in kiln-dried South Sea, for which £26 10s. is offered December-January shipment at the close, and sellers at 1s. 3d. more. January-February shipment, F.M. Straits, Rotterdam, has been done at £27 10s.

Ground nuts continue steady, with a better demand for Nigerian afloat, up to £22 being paid for this position to the Northern Continent, with December-January done at 1s. 3d. less. Marseilles paid £21 12s. 6d. for November-December, but January-February offers at £21 2s. 6d. Rufisque early shipment is difficult to find, though December-January can be bought at £16 10s.

Nut oils show little change, business being of the lightest. For refined the market is quiet and prices practically unchanged.

THE SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Irish branch of the Surveyors' Institution was held at their Offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin, Mr. R. H. R. Stewart presiding, and there were also present Messrs. W. Power-Steele (Vice-Chairman), E. J. Anthony, V. C. Le Fanu, H. A. Vernon, R. E. Maunsell, Major C. G. C. Hamphill, T. N. Edgeworth, and B. J. Newcombe (Secretary).

The arrangements for the reading of the paper by Mr. J. H. Webb, F.R.I.A.I., President, Royal Institute of Architects, on the subject of "Professional Registration," at the general meeting to be held to-morrow (Tuesday), was submitted and approved.

Correspondence dealing with the working of the Land Acts, 1923 and 1927, and the procedure of the Inland Revenue on income tax questions connected with the Acts were dealt with.

It was announced that the county branches conference will be held on February 6th, 1928, and the Irish branch professional examinations in Dublin in the week commencing March 19th, 1928.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the Hospital on Thursday morning, 15th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), presiding.

Also present:—Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice Chairman); Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer); Dr. Orlando B. Beater, Senator Patrick J. Brady, E. Clive Brooks, Esq.; William Crowe, Esq.; the Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Dunne, P.P., V.G.; W. Houghton Fry, Esq.; Sir Joseph A. Glynn, W. T. Kennan, Esq., J.P.; Frank A. Lowe, Esq., P.C.; Patrick Lynch, Esq., K.C.; John F. McGuire, Esq.; Henry J. Monahan, Esq., B.L.; Richard Ryan, Esq.; George B. Symes, Esq.; Robert G. Tomlinson, Esq.; Major Arthur Whewell.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. R. Charles B. Maunsell, F.R.C.S.I.; and the Right Hon. James A. MacMahon, P.C.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Committee, and also those of the Visiting and Finance Committees, were read, confirmed, and signed. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, cheques amounting to £510 13 0 were signed in settlement of monthly accounts.

The Registrar laid on the table a list of the Managing Committee, arranged in accordance with the bye-laws, the names of the members retiring next month having previously been announced.

The Chairman reported that the annual sale of patients' work, held at the Hospital on 17th and 18th November, was most successful. The total sales amounted to £124 9/11, and the tea room receipts to £29 10/-. 948 articles were disposed of, and 66 patients participated in the distribution. The results were noted by the Committee with great pleasure, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who so kindly helped at the various stalls and in the tea room, with such excellent results. The sale was opened by Mrs. Arthur H. S. Orpen, who recorded the following minute in the visitors' book:—

"I have great pleasure in opening the sale of work to-day, and appreciate being asked to do so. The work shown testifies to the skill and industry of the patients.—(Signed) Frances E. Orpen. 17th November, 1927."

Read book "Remarks by Visiting Governors," which contained the following:—

"I visited the Hospital on three occasions, and was satisfied with the great care taken of the patients, and the extreme cleanliness of the wards. I was struck with the excellent dinner provided on Friday.—(Signed) K. Cantwell. 10th December, 1927."

The report books of the Lady Superintendent and the Resident Medical Officer were read and approved of. Patients in the Hospital 228—viz., 95 males, 133 females.

The Committee tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£21—W. G. Jameson, Esq. £10 each—In Memoriam (per Miss E. Reilly), Miss May J. Murphy. £5 5/- each—Captain T. B. Biggs-Atkinson, Miss L. M. L'Estrange, R. W. Johnston, Esq. £5 each—Messrs. Arnott and Co. Ltd.; Anonymous, Mrs. E. G. Bogue, Lady Horsbrugh Porter. £4—"J.N.G." £3 3/-—William Warham, Esq. £3—Miss Susan Kenny. £2 2/- each—Thomas Sexton, Esq.; J. P. Cullen, Esq.; Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. W. Erck, Mrs. Gerald Mooney, Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey, Mrs. St. Leger Evans, Senator Patrick J. Brady. £2 each—Messrs. Dockrell, Ltd.; Anonymous, Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Annie Ward, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. Laurence Malone, Major Maitland Richards, Andrew M. Devine, Esq., B. C. de Versan, Esq., K.C.; Harold Jacob, Esq. £1 11/6—Mrs. K. Gilman. £1 1/- each—Miss Olive I. Brew, Mrs. M. L. Jones, J. W. Fox, Esq.; Euphan Maxwell, Major T. G. C. Gerrard, Messrs. Weir and Sons, Miss E. E. Roche, Miss Kate Sullivan, Lewis Whyte, Esq., J.P.; Joseph O'Donoghue, Esq.; Miss Selina M. Ormsby, Mrs. E. B. Mooney, John J. Dudley, Esq.; B. Henry Macrory, Esq., B.L.; the Rev. Charles Colliopee. £1 each—"G. H. M.," Miss H. V. Porter, Mrs. M. H. Newcombe, Wm. Wynne Carruthers, Esq., B.A.; Lady Franks, A Grateful Patient, James Murray, Esq.; T. P. LeFanu, Esq.; Mrs. F. Long, Louis C. Purser, Esq., S.F.T.C.D.; Messrs. Walter Brown and Co., Messrs. J. W. Elvery and Co., Miss M. F. Close, C. J. Hyder, Esq.; Mrs. F. A. Ronaldson, Lady Downes, A Grateful Patient, Miss Lily Atkinson, the Very Rev. J. Hickey, P.P.; Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, Miss Johnston, G. H. Lowry, Esq.; the Very Rev. C. Ridgeway, P.P.; Miss E. M. Honner, J. McDaniel, Esq.; Miss L. Rorke, Mrs. Macnamara, Miss J. C. Lawless, F. P. Johnston, Esq. 10/- each—Miss E. Deverell, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. O. M. Babington, Messrs. W. and G. Hadden, Francis Colgan, Esq. Smaller sums—£1 18/-.

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges with many thanks the following kind gifts:—Gramophone and records—Mrs. Edward Egan. Air bed—Mrs. Beauchamp Doran. Gramaphone records—Captain Tennyson Lee. Bed jackets—Mrs. Deane. Illustrated papers, magazines, etc.—Miss Adair, Mrs. Nadin, Miss Catherine Smith, Miss McCarthy, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. L'Estrange, Mrs. Edward Lee, Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd.; Miss Holmes, Miss R. G. Tomlinson, Miss Carroll, C. H. Carroll, Esq.; Mrs. Stevenson. Cakes—Mrs. Edward Lee, Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Mrs. E. S. Lee, Mrs. Tennyson Lee, Mrs. Tolley, Mrs. Ridgeway, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. F. E. Jones, Mrs. Walter Jones, Miss McGrath, Miss M. L. Fry, Miss Boland, Miss Redington Roche, Miss Mooney, Miss Bradshaw, Messrs. Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien. Messrs. Harrison and Co., Messrs. Bolands, Ltd. Tea, sugar, coffee and cakes—Messrs. R. Smyth and Sons. Sugar, flour and butter—Messrs. H. Williams and Co., Ltd. Butter and cakes—J. Shiel, Esq. Milk—John Rafter, Esq. Chicken—Messrs. McCabes. Flowers—Mrs. Edward Lee (chrysanthemums) The Dublin Nursery Co., Messrs. Ramsay and Sons, Mrs. Pringle, Miss Bradshaw. £2 contribution to sale of work—Miss E. Moore. Daily papers—Mrs. A. L. Tomlinson, Mrs. H. P. Shiel, Mrs. Arthur H. Orpen, Miss Redington Roche, *Irish Times* Office (one copy), *Weekly Irish Catholic* (2 copies), *Daily Sketch*, Anonymous, *Ireland's Own* (12 copies weekly).

Further contributions are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully received by:—William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), 27 Palmerston Gardens, Dublin; Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), 13 Upper Mount street, Dublin; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens, Dublin, or by the Registrar at the Hospital.

THE DEATH OF SIR SIMON MADDOCK.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

Dr. Louis Byrne, City Coroner, held an inquest at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, last Saturday on the body of Sir Simon W. Maddock, D.L., who died in that institution from injuries received while endeavouring to extinguish a fire at his residence, Mount Jerome House, on the 9th inst.

Lady Maddock, who was much affected, identified the body, and told the Coroner that at about 5.15 a.m. on the 9th inst. she was awakened by the smell of smoke and called her husband, who rushed down stairs to the diningroom with a fire extinguisher. Later she found that her husband had been injured.

Police Sergeant Denis Curtin stated that while on duty at Kimmage road at 5.40 a.m. on the 9th inst. he saw smoke issuing from Mount Jerome House. On going there he met the Rathmines Fire Brigade. At the house he was informed by Lady Maddock that she and Sir Simon Maddock retired at about 11.30 on the 8th inst. At 5.15 a.m. on the 9th she found the smell of smoke and called Sir Simon, who rushed down stairs. She also went down, and, seeing the diningroom on fire, telephoned for the Fire Brigade.

The witness, continuing, said that Sir Simon stated to him that he saw smoke issuing from the diningroom, and that he seized a fire extinguisher and rushed into the room, when suddenly the burning floor went from under him, and he fell through it into the kitchen underneath. He received burns on his legs and body, and was feeling weak, and went back to bed. At Sir Simon's request he telephoned for the ambulance, and he was removed to the Meath Hospital.

Dr. K. Phelan, house surgeon, Meath Hospital, said that Sir Simon was admitted to the hospital at 6.30 on the 9th inst. He was suffering from burns on both feet, on the back, part of the abdomen and both hands, and was also suffering from shock. On the 14th and 15th he had an internal hemorrhage, and had two blood transfusions. He died at 12.10 a.m. on the 16th. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of death from shock and hemorrhage following injuries accidentally received while attempting to extinguish a fire at his residence on the 9th inst. He tendered his sincere sympathy to Lady Maddock.

Superintendent Walsh, on behalf of the Civic Guards, and Dr. Phelan joined in the expressions of sympathy with Lady Maddock.

THE CORK CARNIVAL.

GOOD BUSINESS BETWEEN SHOWERS.

Although the rainy spell, which had handicapped the success of the Cork Shopping Carnival, had not passed off last Saturday, conditions were generally better, and a good amount of business was done between showers.

The gloomy outlook and bitter easterly wind in the morning were not encouraging, but at an early hour many visitors, well wrapped up in preparation for the worst, made an appearance in the principal streets.

The quietness caused by the deluge of rain which swept the city incessantly on Friday, and soaked the few visitors who dared it, afforded shopkeepers an opportunity of redressing their windows in readiness for the expected stir on Saturday.

As the afternoon wore on the crowds increased, traffic in the principal streets being abnormally heavy. Hotels and restaurants, where special carnival efforts were also arranged, were filled all day. Some of the hotels gave special orchestral performances during the afternoon, which were greatly appreciated.

In the theatres special programmes of a light nature were well patronised during the week. Although the visitors generally left the city about six o'clock, when the shops close, the entertainments at the Opera House, the Palace, and at the cinemas were crowded.

Much interest has been excited by the announcement that from the Cork Wireless Station, beginning to-day and lasting until Friday, special carnival programmes will be broadcast in the afternoon.

DISTRICT JUSTICE ON PERJURY.

CASE IN DONEGAL COURT.

Remarking that if the truth had been told he would have regarded it as a technical offence, District Justice Walsh, at Newtowncunningham District Court imposed a total fine of £20 on a young man, Hugh Dorrian, of Rossnakill, who was prosecuted for unlawfully importing into the Free State, in June last, a motor self-starter.

After hearing the defendant, who said that the part belonged to a Ford car, and was useless, and a witness who said that the part had not belonged to a Ford car or to the defendant, the Justice said that he never heard perjury brought home more clearly to any man than Dorrian. It was a case of flagrant and shameful perjury.

The State Solicitor, who appeared in the case, said that nowadays the people thought the moral code did not apply within the four walls of a courthouse.

The Justice said that it was only typical of what was going on all over the country. He considered that this man should be prosecuted for perjury.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

COAL CANVASSER'S STORY OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A "hold-up" and robbery with violence by three men in a motor car was alleged by a coal merchant's canvasser, Michael Downey, South Anne street, Dublin, to account for the disappearance of money collected from customers on behalf of his employer, Mr. John McCarthy, 53 Lower Mount street, Dublin, when charged with the embezzlement of £14 at Rathfarnham District Court last Saturday.

According to the accused man's story, after collecting some money of his employer, he was walking past the Convalescent Home at Hazelbrook at about 5.20 p.m. on the 7th ult. when a motor car came behind him and a man jumped out and said: "Hand out your money." Two more men then got out of the car, and one of them struck him on the head and another of the men kicked him on the shoulder. They then took the money which he had in his trousers pocket, about £13, and got into the car and went away. He remembered nothing more until he was brought into the Convalescent Home.

Dr. Geoffrey Bewley, 65 Lower Baggot street, stated that he was going along the Dodder road on his way to the Convalescent Home, when he saw the accused man being supported by another man at the side of the road about 200 yards from the gate of the Home. Downey appeared to be dazed. His hand was cut, and he told the witness that he had been kicked by one of the robbers on the shoulder, but when witness examined him at the Home he found no marks on his shoulder. Downey said that he wanted to report the matter to the police, and the witness drove him to Rathmines Police Barrack.

In reply to Mr. Moran (for the defence), the witness said that Downey's condition was such as might be caused by his being knocked down and kicked.

James Byrne, 103a Rathgar road, an employé of Messrs. Hughes Bros., Hazelbrook, stated that when on his way home he saw a man lying on the side of the road near the Convalescent Home. He spoke to the man, but it was a long time before he got any answer.

Francis Murray, 6 Orwell Cottages, said that he left Hazelbrook at about 5.20 and walked along past the Convalescent Home. He saw no one lying on the road, nor did he notice any motor car in the vicinity.

Mr. Horan asked to have informations refused, as there was absolutely no evidence against his client.

The Justice (Mr. Reddin) said that the accused man had elected to be tried by a jury, and as he considered that a *prima facie* case had been made out, he returned him for trial on bail, himself in £50 and two sureties of £100 each.

ANTRIM MAGISTRATE INJURED.

Mr. Samuel Brennan, J.P., was knocked down by a cyclist at Railway street, Antrim, and received slight injuries. The cyclist, who received severe injuries to the face, he had to be treated in hospital.

FOOD PRICES.

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geographically, and exists exclusively in working-class areas.

GROSS PROFITS.

The rate of gross profit varies from 18 to 28 per cent. in the case of beef, and from 26 to 31½ per cent. in the case of mutton. On the assumption (borne out in evidence) that the average butcher sells three times as much beef as mutton, the gross profit over all ranges from 3.15d. per lb. to 4.10d. per lb., or from 20 per cent. to 29 per cent. on turnover. The gross profit allowed during control was 3d.

The Tribunal found it very difficult to obtain from witnesses any information as to the incidence of expenses per lb. of meat. In the case of one firm of multiple shops the expenses per lb. of meat sold ranged from about 1½d. to 1¾d. From figures examined it was shown that the overall expenses of a single shop business are at the average rate of 12.4 per cent. of turnover, as against the average of 15.3 per cent. in the multiple shops referred to.

RETAIL PRICES TOO HIGH.

It appears, therefore (the report continues), that the cost prices and selling prices are such as to yield a net profit per lb. of about 2d., and that this is a conservative estimate, and is, moreover, based on cost and selling prices of the highest class of meat. It has been found by the Royal Commission on Food Prices (1925) that ½d. per lb. is a fair net profit on the retail sale of meat, and this has been borne out by evidence tendered to us. We agree, therefore, that except in the case of butchers doing a small trade in country districts, a net profit of ½d. per lb. is adequate. There is no doubt that net profits largely in excess of this are being made in Dublin, and that retail prices generally can afford an appreciable reduction.

We are aware that a large proportion of meat of second quality is sold in the poorer districts of the City of Dublin, the trade being in the hands of a number of small traders. In many of these cases the trader is himself a butcher who kills his own meat, but in other cases the meat, before it reaches the consumer, passes through the hands of an intermediary wholesaler, and sometimes of an additional retailer who retails only the better parts, passing on the rough meat to a final retailer.

MOST PROFIT FROM THE POOR.

From the nature of the business it was difficult to obtain particulars similar to those obtained in the case of the better class meat, but we incline to the view that the amount of profit per lb. secured by the retailer of second quality meat is in excess of that obtained for high-class meat.

In our inquiry into this relatively minor matter of wholesaling an interesting item of information emerged. It appears that wholesalers' prices change automatically in sympathy with the Dublin Cattle Market prices. A wholesaler who gave evidence before us stated that the retail butchers who were his customers were well informed of the ruling market price, and knew what reflection to expect in the price of the meat they bought from him. It is eminently desirable that the housewife buying from the retail butcher should not be in a less favourable position in relation to him than he is to the wholesaler in the matter of knowledge of primary prices.

EXCESSIVE PRICES IN CORK.

If we put the over-all expenses of a butcher's business at 1¾d. per lb. of meat sold, says the report, we find that the net profits of the Cork butchers who sold beef at retail prices generally ruling at the periods stated during the fifteen months ending December, 1926, were in October, 1925, 2.35d. per lb.; in May, 1926, 1.85d. per lb., and in December, 1926, 2.75d. per lb.

While the prices charged by isolated bitchers in Cork, though certainly adequate, were not unduly high, we are satisfied that generally the retail prices of meat in Cork during the fifteen months ending December, 1926, were excessive by nearly 2d. per lb. In particular, we find no justification for maintaining beef prices throughout 1926 at the May level.

WATERFORD PRICES: NAIVE ACCOUNTANCY.

Prices in Waterford exceed those ruling in Cork, particularly in the case of mutton. We obtained no information from witnesses as to the cost prices in May, 1926, but we find from the returns made to the Department of Lands and Agriculture for that month that fat cattle at Waterford Fair averaged 8.8d. per lb. dead weight. The cost prices given to us in evidence for October and November, 1926, ranged from 6.7d. to 9.2d. in the case of beef, and from 10d. to 11.4d. in the case of mutton. These prices closely correspond to those in Cork at the same dates.

As cost prices are substantially the same as in Cork, and the expenses per lb. cannot differ materially from those in Cork, we are of opinion that the retail prices of meat in Waterford at the periods examined (May and November, 1926) were excessive by at least 2d. per lb.

It is not uncommon to find that traders, particularly the smaller retailers, are accustomed to think and speak of "net profit" as what is left after personal and household expenses are paid. We had submitted to us in one case a statement showing a weekly net profit of 4s. 11d., the deductions made to arrive at this including a payment of £4 10s. 0d. to the upkeep of the family, £1 1s. 0d. personal pocket money, etc.

We are satisfied that cost prices of beef in the year 1926 can be taken at 10d. per lb. in the earlier or dearer period, and 8d. per lb. in the fall of the year, these prices being gross, *i.e.*, not allowing for any set-off in respect of sales of offals, etc. Trade witnesses generally agreed that there was this seasonal difference of 2d. per lb. in cost prices in 1926.

LIMERICK THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT.

For the month of May of that year the lowest scale of retail prices in the foregoing table is as follows:—

	s.	d.
Ribs	1	3
Sirloin	1	3
Sirloin Steak	1	3
Round Steak	1	3
Rib Steak	1	1
Brisket	0	8
Tail End	0	10
Leg Beef	0	8½
Shin	0	4
Neck	0	9
Shoulder	0	9

We find that these prices, taking into consideration the receipts from sale of offals, etc., are equivalent to 1s. 0¼d. per lb., and that the gross profit is at the rate of 2¼d. per lb., which we think equitable. The higher scales of retail prices, particularly those under Dundalk and Sligo, are, in our opinion, excessive, and in the case of the highest are sufficient to yield a gross profit of about 4½d. per lb.

Between May and October cost prices fell 2d. per lb., but only in Limerick was this fall reflected in retail prices. We consider there should have been no higher price than 1s. 1d. for beef at that period.

BUTCHERS' EXCUSES.

Our examination of the evidence leads us to the conclusion that the retail prices of meat in the Saorstat generally at the periods examined by us were excessive by 1½d.-2d. per lb., and that there were individual cases in which the excess was greater. Most of the better class victuallers attributed the high price of meat to the high cost of labour, paper, twine, repairs, rent, rates, etc. We have taken all charges of this nature into account, estimating them at 1½d. per lb. As a matter of interest we record the following reasons, amongst others, given by the victuallers for a higher post-war ratio of expenses:—

(*a*) Customers now purchase supplies daily instead of weekly;

(*b*) The tendency is increasingly towards delivery by the victualler to the consumer's home;

(*c*) The taste of consumers has changed from the cheaper to the dearer joints, making it more difficult to dispose of the cheaper joints.

We have found it impossible to ascertain to what extent these conditions exist, or are reflected in the price of meat.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We have seen that it is a common practice among butchers to maintain retail prices at a fixed level without reference to the fluctuation of primary prices. We do not see any reason why this practice should continue. It was urged that consumers do not like frequent changes in prices, but this is not an argument to which we attach weight. The fluctuations in primary prices of meat are not generally in opposite directions at short intervals. There is a fairly gradual decline, succeeded by an equally gradual increase,

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and we do not think that it would be necessary to alter retail prices very frequently.

We have considered whether the Prices Board would indicate scales of fair retail prices from time to time. This is a matter of great complexity owing to the variations in the demand for various cuts according to locality. Pending further investigation of this matter, it would probably be sufficient to indicate the highest price for beef and mutton in accordance with the published market prices. We regard as its most important function in this matter the wider publication of primary prices, and their interpretation to the ordinary consumer.

In Part I. of this Report we recommend legislation on the subject of sale by net weight. In the case of meat we suggest that it should be provided that meat delivered to a consumer's house should be accompanied by a docket stating the weight and the price per pound.

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TRAINING OF CHEFS.

DUBLIN COMMISSIONERS' SCHEME.

At a meeting of the Dublin City Commissioners last Saturday the technical education report, dealing with the course of training for chefs, was submitted. Forty-six candidates sat for examination, and out of this number sixteen were selected as suitable to undergo training.

It was agreed that at the end of the course a diploma would be given to successful students; also that in future apprentices would be taken only through the technical schools. Selected candidates would be trained for the first year entirely at the technical schools and be paid at the rate of 5s. a week. For the second year they would be allocated for work at different hotels and would be paid 10s. a week by the employers. The full course of apprenticeship would be five years.

In connection with the new Child Welfare Centre it was decided to start classes in (a) dressmaking (with special reference to the making of children's and infants' clothes); (b) cookery (with special reference to the production by economic means for the working classes); (c) gardening (with special reference to the gardens attached to small dwellings).

The report further stated that the Technical Education Department had £22,978 invested in National Loan Stock.

The names of new roads in the Drumcondra area, where houses are nearing completion, were approved. The name of one of these roads is "Walsh road," in commemoration of the late Archbishop of Dublin. The other streets are named after former leading Irish writers whose memory it was desired to perpetuate.

Mr. H. D. Thornton, of Fernhurst, Greystones, County Wicklow, was appointed as analytical chemist, to act as assistant to the City Analyst, at £250 yearly, rising by annual increments of £15 to a maximum of £350, with cost of living bonus.

Mr. Seumas Murphy, Chairman, presided, and Dr. Dwyer and Mr. P. J. Hernon were also present.

THE WORLD CALL.

PRINCIPAL PROBLEM OF THE CHURCH IN INDIA.

Preaching yesterday afternoon in Christ Church Cathedral on "The Call from Africa and the East," the Rev. A. E. Hughes said that everywhere to-day men were restless, disillusioned, discontented, and, above all, conscious of need. Although often inarticulate, there was a search after God. The world needed Christ, and Christ could only be revealed by the men and women of His Church. That was the meaning of the World Call that had been sounded throughout the Church.

As the Church surveyed the world preparatory to its great task, one great fact presented itself—the dispersion of the British people over the whole world. No other dispersion in history had such boundless possibilities for good or evil. It was of paramount importance, then, that the influence of our people should be for righteousness in whatever environment they found themselves. Whatever they were to the black man, they stood as missionaries.

There were in India to-day 170,000 British people. Of these the Army, the civil administration, and the commercial community were best known to them. There were two other communities in a very different position—the domiciled British communities and the Anglo-Indians—once called Eurasians. The first of these had, to a large extent, their homes in India. The education of their children with those of the Anglo-Indians—who passionately insisted upon their British relationship—was the principal problem of the Church in India. If the children of these people were to be worthy members of the British race, if they were to take part in India's life in difficult times coming on, it was imperative to establish their education on a firm Christian basis.

SHUTTING OF THE GATES OF DERRY.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry last Saturday celebrated the 239th anniversary of the closing of the gates in 1688.

Representatives from Belfast, Omagh, Coleraine, Donemana and other branch clubs joined with the parent clubs in commemorating the fateful day when the thirteen apprentice boys shut the gates in the face of the foe.

The special preacher was the Rev. James Kelly, M.A., Incumbent of St. Augustine's Church, Derry. In the course of his address, he said that several causes had contributed to Derry's special difficulties to-day. She had weathered many a storm, and she would weather this one too.

SOCIAL EVILS.

"But there are other enemies hammering at our gates," declared the preacher. "What of our social evils? The gambling habit is growing apace. Unless it can be restricted or banished altogether it will eat the moral fibre of our people. Even our sport is being contaminated by this social pest.

"The old foe—alcohol—is with us still. It has crept into the garrison. There are more than two hundred public-houses in this city—one for about every hundred of the adult population. Perhaps, along the line of reduced facilities for drinking will be found a true British solution for our greatest social evil. A drastic reduction in the number of public-houses is long overdue; increased penalties for drunkenness and neglect in the home would deter some; a definite temperance programme in the schools would do good. Whatever line you take, let it be on your old principle of 'No surrender to wrong.'"

CRITICISM RESENTED.

CLERICAL MANAGERS AND SCHOOL AMALGAMATION.

Urging upon the Fermanagh Regional Education Committee the necessity for larger schools so as to improve education, Colonel Barton, D.L., referred to the proposed amalgamation of two schools on Boa Island, Lough Erne, against which two clergymen protested, one being the joint manager with another who approved of the proposal.

Colonel Barton said that the parents of the children concerned had a perfect right to object to amalgamation, but the managers of the schools had hardly the same right. The clerical managers were the custodians of the public purse, and as such they must be open to criticism as to the way in which they spent the public money with which they were entrusted. These managers seemed to resent criticism. That was very wrong on their part. They were open to criticism just as any money-spending Government department was.

Mr. Anderson said that in this case they had been confronted with the problem of keeping open a school for twelve or fourteen children.

Lord Belmore—In the South they were kept open for far less.

Mr. Anderson—It is a difficult problem when the clergy themselves disagree, and also the parents disagree.

RENTS AND HOUSING IN KINGSTOWN.

REPLY TO URBAN COUNCIL'S CASE.

FURTHER STATEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED.

At last Saturday's sitting of the Town Tenants Commission in Dublin Mr. G. F. Stewart, agent for the Longford and de Vesci estates at Kingstown and Monkstown, replied to the statement which the Urban Council made at a former sitting.

Mr. M. P. O'Donnell, Vice-Chairman of the Kingstown Urban Council, said that they had received a copy of Mr. George Stewart's reply to the statement they had submitted to the Commission on November 16. In the short time at their disposal they had been able to give it only superficial examination, and, as it appeared that the reply conveyed a wrong impression in regard to many material matters, and that it required a considered answer, they proposed to submit a further statement, and he asked the Commission to fix a date.

The Chairman (Mr. Justice Meredith) said that they would do so.

THE REPLY.

THE NEW ARTISANS' DWELLINGS.

Mr. Stewart, replying to the case presented by the Council, said that the estate might be said to consist of two distinct parts—

1. The residential portion, consisting of the Monkstown property; and
2. The town of Kingstown.

Fifty thousand pounds had been spent by the owners in developing the property in the middle of the last century, which represented eight years of the gross rental of the estate at that time. The district of Glenageary was highly developed, a very large number of fine villa residences being built there, as well as Royal terrace and Crosthwaite Park, and he had no hesitation in stating that this property, comprising by far the largest portion of the Kingstown estate, would bear comparison with any other property similarly situated either in this country or in any other.

THE VILLAGE OF SALLYNOGGIN.

Not far from Glenageary there was the old village of Sallynoggin, which was a most dilapidated spot. The old cottages, originally built of mud, were in 1900 surrendered to the estate, and since then every one of these cabins had been cleared away and replaced by new artisans' buildings. A considerable block of them was built by the Urban Council, Lord Longford himself built thirteen, and a number were built by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Trust. A large school had been built on a free site, and instead of being an eyesore the village was now a credit to the district.

Referring to the Kingstown part of the estate, Mr. Stewart said that he agreed generally with the opening statement of the Kingstown Council, that the circumstances of Kingstown were exceptional. Great changes had been made by the expenditure on the harbour and the railway, the former by the Free State Government and the latter by the railway company. Neither the owners nor the lessees expended their money on these works, but the former were, and are, owners in fee of the adjoining estate, and, therefore, mainly entitled to the advantages due to its position both as a seaside resort and to its proximity to Dublin. It should be borne in mind that the lessees of the estate had reaped the entire advantages due to these circumstances during the term of their leases, and that during that period the owners had no advantages therefrom so far as the town of Kingstown was concerned. He also agreed as to the sub-leasing of the original leaseholds, the value at each sale or sub-leasing being reduced as the term of the head lease shortened.

"GROSSLY INACCURATE."

With regard to the rest of the statement of the Urban Council, it was, with a few exceptions, grossly inaccurate, and certainly presented a view of the case in no way justified by the facts. As to the statement that the owners made little or no contribution towards the development of the property and, with two or three exceptions, the roads, drainage, water supply and lighting, he said that from 1803 to 1886 every road in the estate was made by the owners. Since 1886 the following roads had been made:—The road from the public baths to Sandycove, under a Government grant, on which ex-Service men were employed; all the lands and amenities adjoining were provided free by the owners. They also gave the Council three houses, the poor law valuations of which were £40, £28 and £22, as these houses interfered with the line of the road. These conditions also applied to the link road connecting the sea road with Glasthule road. For these roads no other assistance was asked from the estate.

The Library road work was carried out by the Council under a loan, the arrangement being that where the owners gave the Council the land on either side of the road the Council should pay for the road, and that where the owners retained both sides they should pay the proportionate amount of the instalment of the loan. Under this agreement the Council were given land for the children's playground and for the erection of a number of artisans' houses. The estate paid their share of the loan where the land remained in their hands. This arrangement remained in force until 1922, when the remainder of the land adjoining the road was taken for the sailors' and soldiers' dwellings, and the estate freed from further contribution.

DEVELOPING THE PROPERTY.

For the link road and the short extension (150 feet) of Paradise row into George's street the land was given free, and the owners gave a contribution of £200 towards making the connecting road between Crofton road and the road near the railway line, the owners having no control over the land. Instead of the local authority having expended large sums of money on roads, of which it was suggested the estate sought to take undue advantage, the facts were that the owners spent large sums of money in developing the property by roads and otherwise, and added thousands of pounds to the valuation of the township and a corresponding amount in annual rates to the Urban Council.

Dealing with drainage, he said that the owners contributed a full moiety in proportion to their rental to drainage, the sum last year being £500.

Every church in the township had a grant for at least 999 years at a nominal rent never exceeding £1. The Carnegie Library and every national school was free of rent.

THE PEOPLE'S PARK.

When the Urban Council proposed to buy the site of the People's Park from the Board of Works the late Lord de Vesci offered to pay the purchase money, but this was refused. When the Workmen's Club was built the owners and their families, notably Lady de Vesci, were among the most generous contributors. The contributions of the estate towards philanthropic and charitable objects since 1903 amounted to £7,000. He contested the accuracy of the statement that the Town Tenants Bill of 1906 was brought about by the conditions on the Kingstown Estate.

Having mentioned some specific cases in which he thought the action of the estate was reasonable, Mr. Stewart referred to the houses on Royal terrace road, and said that owing to their situation on the broad road leading from the railway station, the post office and the sea-front the agents thought the site ought properly to be used for shops, and, therefore, that the houses then existing, which were only moderate and lie back from the road, ought not to be leased as they stood. That was the sole reason why eight houses in question were treated differently from the rest of the estate. The ninth house was made a present to the parish priest for the enlargement of the grounds of the handsome church at the head of the road.

He went on to say that their contention was that in fixing the new rents at £20 for houses valued at from £30 to £40, the average being about £35, and the letting value admitted before the Commission being £60, the owners acted very generously towards the lessees.

THE SLUM QUESTION.

Dealing with the question of the slums in 1903 he said that it should be borne in mind that up to May, 1903, and in some cases till 1911 owing to the existence of the old leases, the owners were powerless to intervene, and consequently they could have no responsibility, whereas the Council itself had been in a position to interfere for many years, during which period the slums had been in possession of local people. Nothing, however, was done until the leases fell in in 1903, and the owners came into possession and the slum question then faced them as the most urgent problem the estate had to deal with.

Having stated that at first they got little satisfaction from the Council, he mentioned the purchase by that body of different blocks of ground, and submitted that the estate agreed to reasonable terms in these transactions. Meanwhile the owners had been steadily working at the numerous other slums, and endeavouring not to reduce unduly at any one time the housing accommodation of the poorer people.

Since 1903 the estate had built 51 entirely new houses, and 30 where only some parts of the original walls were retained, and had made extensive repairs and improvements to 87 others. The total outlay on these estate improvements since 1903 amounted to £79,800. In addition the owners induced the Artisans' Dwellings Company, by an offer of a lease on very favourable terms, to build 117 new houses on a plot leased to them, and by arrangement with the Sailors' and Soldiers' Trust 48 new houses had been built for ex-Service men. The slums, it was further stated, are virtually gone, but there are many houses which require to be rebuilt. This was being steadily done, and they hoped a few more years would see it finished.

THE GROSS RENTAL.

As to the allegation that the owners' rental is now £80,000 per annum, or "greatly in excess of that sum," that was totally inaccurate. The gross rental of the estate had never in any year reached half that figure, and the expenses of the estate are enormous. With regard to the widening of the Main street and other matters, it was submitted that it is only on the falling in of leases that large improvements can ever be made.

As to the final recommendations of the Council, of which perhaps the most unreasonable was that rents fixed within the last 25 years by agreement between responsible persons should now be reviewed by a tribunal, he was of opinion that any such changes as they proposed would neither be in any way equitable as between landlord and tenant nor to the advantage of the community at large. If adopted, they would break down all confidence in house property, so that no one would ever again purchase it as an investment, and improvements, such as had been carried out on the Kingstown and Pembroke estates, would never be repeated.

THE OWNERS.

As to the improvements since 1903, while he desired to give the Urban Council, with whom he had been personally working amicably for nearly 40 years, every credit for their share in this good work, he considered also that the owners had contributed very largely to the improvement of the town, and that they should be given their just and proper share of the credit.

Mr. Justice Meredith (Chairman) presided, and the other members present were:—Messrs. J. J. Horgan, J. J. Murphy, M. P. Rowan and T. J. Byrne, and Mr. J. B. Hughes, Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Roper, solicitor (Messrs. Reeves and Sons), appeared for the landlords, and Mr. M. P. O'Donnell (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. J. Kerslake represented the Kingstown Urban Council.

CHILD'S DEATH FROM SCALDS.

"Death from shock" was the verdict of Dr. Louis Byrne, City Coroner, at an inquest in the Meath Hospital, Dublin, on Saturday on the body of Cyril Isaacson, aged three, of 20 Victoria street, who died in that institution on the 15th inst. as the result of injuries received on the 12th inst. from falling into a pot of hot water.

The evidence of the police showed that the occurrence was purely accidental.

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THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The curacies of Queenstown, Portrush, Traice, and of Trinity Church and St. John's, Limerick, are vacant.

As showing the rate of growth of present-day vocabulary, the Dean of Belfast quoted figures recently in a lecture on "The Bible in Common Speech," which showed that while the authorised version possessed some 6,000 words, a great modern dictionary possessed about 300,000. Yet within the pages of the Holy Book would be found a veritable treasure house of genius.

The Rev. B. Lougheed has been instituted to the Parish of Clara, Kilnegarenagh and Ardnurcher, and the Rev. J. R. O'Rourke to the Parish of Killoughey and Rahan, by the Bishop of Meath.

The Bishop of Meath has made the following appointments:—Examining Chaplains—the Archdeacon of Meath, the Rev. B. S. Radcliffe, and the Rev. H. V. White. Private Chaplains—The Rev. T. R. Brunskill and the Rev. Canon Forrester. Rural Deans—The Rev. B. H. T. Gahan (Slane) and the Rev. F. W. Knight, Chancellor of the Diocese—Mr. Justice Fitzgibbon, K.C.

The Rev. J. R. Colthurst and his wife have received presentations from the Boys' Brigade and the Choir of Kilbride, Arklow, on the occasion of his departure from the parish.

The newly-consecrated Bishop of Hokkaids, the Right Rev. Gordon Walsh, who has been Ferns's "own missionary" for some years, hopes to undertake a tour of the diocese in February next.

A conference of the clergy of the Diocese of Ross was held recently in the Cathedral, Rosscarbery, presided over by the bishop, at which the future educational policy of the diocese was discussed. The future of the small schools and the supply of teachers were among the subjects that came under review.

The Rev. Canon G. A. Earle, who has been nominated to the Parish of Portlaw, will soon be leaving the Diocese of Killaloe, after spending twenty-five years therein. He was a member of several Diocesan Committees and a representative to the General Synod.

Lady Clonbrock, President of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Killaloe, has been the recipient of a presentation from the mothers of the Parish of Ahascragh.

There has lately passed away from the Parish of Listowel, at the age of 96, one who was keenly interested for many years in everything that went on in the parish—Mrs. E. A. Bolster (*née* Ludgate). She left behind her 80 descendants, as follows:—Seven children, 35 grand-children, 37 great-grand-children, and one great-great-grand-child. The Church was almost entirely filled with relatives on the occasion of the Funeral Service.

THE DUBLIN PRESBYTERY.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

A most successful week of meetings in the interests of the foreign missions in Katiawar and Gugerat, India, and Manchuria, China, took place last week.

On Wednesday a public meeting was held in the Dawson Hall, which was well filled, most of the ministers and elders and many Christian workers being present. The Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. James McCaughey, M.A., who presided, in a brief introduction, told of the work of each missionary, and interesting addresses were given by the Rev. J. McWhirter, M.A. (China); Miss R. J. L. Henry, B.A. (Principal, Borsad Women's Training College, India); the Rev. Robert Boyd, who has been forty-three years in India, and the Rev. R. H. Boyd (Convener, Foreign Missions). In India, it was stated, there was now a self-supporting and self-governing Presbyterian native Church, and Christian teachers now formed a large proportion of the total staff of teachers. In China the Mission now received tolerance and friendly support, where, not twenty years ago, it was refused sites and its agents were publicly beaten.

At the close the Rev. J. Sinclair Stevenson, B.D., was thanked for his work in arranging this Foreign Mission Week, which has proved so valuable.

A FAMILY TRAIN.

After 52 years' service with the Great Western Railway as goods guard, John Mead, aged 70, has retired. At one time four of his six brothers regularly worked on one train as driver, fireman, guard and brakesman.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

FROZEN OUT.

THE ASCOT SALE.

PROSPECTS OF THE TOTALISATOR.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

We are frozen out utterly and completely. The Lingfield Meeting yesterday was abandoned. Indeed, the decision was come to soon after daybreak, for there was never the slightest chance of racing taking place. Derby, to-morrow, has gone by the board, and it is extremely doubtful, with the prediction of a continuance of the present hard conditions, whether there will be a meeting at Sandown on Wednesday and Thursday. Thus it is unlikely that we shall see any racing this side of Christmas.

I have space, therefore, to refer to an incident of last week outside current racing which has attracted a great deal of interest. This was the sale of horses conducted by one of the racecourse auctioneers, Mr. David White, at Ascot last Monday. Its success astonished a great many people, and it also suggested that there is a clear demand and desire for more independent sales of bloodstock of this kind. I am judging this from the number of owners, breeders, and trainers who have come to me and dilated on its importance, and suggested that the matter was well worth giving publicity to.

Mr. Arthur Saunders, a small owner and breeder, sold off his entire stud at Ascot, and they made an aggregate of 12,700 gns. It was the considered opinion of those present that if they had come up at Newmarket and had to take their chance in the catalogue, where they would have been unlikely to have secured a good place, they would not have made anything like the same money. The small owner and breeder now feels that if he had an outlet for his bloodstock other than Doncaster and Newmarket provides, he would do better.

A MONOPOLY.

Messrs. Tattersall have, and always have had, a monopoly of the sale of bloodstock in this country. Now there are many owners and breedrs who do not always see eye to eye with the methods of the firm, which are very much what they were half-a-century ago. The accommodation at the old Sale Paddocks at Doncaster, which were only abolished a couple of years ago, was little short of a disgrace. The new Sale Ring is far from ideal, and the accommodation at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, does not encourage the visitor to write home immediately about it.

This, however, is a comparatively minor matter. It is perfectly well known that only the wealthy newcomer to the ranks of breeding can secure a place in Doncaster. The allotment of places is sanctified by tradition, and the small breeder has no chance of getting in unless his family has been selling at Doncaster for half a century. It is not so difficult to get in at Newmarket, but it is not always easy to secure a good place in the catalogue, and there is nothing more disheartening for a breeder who brings a few good horses to the Sales than to have them come up long after dark when practically everybody has left the ringside, and, consequently, poor prices are generally made.

The experience of last week has suggested that no matter where, within reason or by whom, a batch of useful horses is offered, there prospective buyers will come. In all probability the big breeders will in most cases always go to Doncaster where the big money goes, and also to Newmarket, but I have little doubt that the smaller breeder and the smaller owner and most trainers would be very glad to have another outlet for the sale of their stock than that provided under present conditions.

I am inclined to think that we shall hear a good deal more on this subject in the course of the next year or two, because the great success of the sale last week has crystallised a feeling of impatience with the present opportunities for selling bloodstock, which has been growing rapidly in the last few years.

THE TOTALISATOR.

We are not making rapid progress towards the establishment of the Totalisator in England, and it has now been decided to make a frontal attack on the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a view to obtaining special facilities for the introduction of a legalising bill other than trusting to the luck of the ballot for a day on which to discuss a private member's measure. It has been stated that the subject is to be left to a free vote of the House of Commons, and it is unlikely that such a bill would ever be sponsored by the Government and the Party Whips put on.

We saw last week in the case of the Prayer Book Revision when a subject is left to a free vote how easily the House of Commons can be swayed by powerful oratory, and how a scheme which was thought certain of adoption on a private canvas taken beforehand, was rejected, fluid convictions on the subject having been made hostile by the course of the debate.

One thing seems certain and that is, that any measure introduced on the subject will not contain a provision legalising the establishment of the Totalisator at the Greyhound Racing, a pastime against which there is a rapidly swelling tide of public opinion in England.

WHERE AND HOW.

The full report of the Joint Committee which inquired into the means by which betting may best be made to contribute its share to the maintenance of racing was published in the *Calendar* last week, and throws some interesting sidelights on the subject. It is informative from several points of view, one of which is the important one where the Totalisator can be erected on some of our existing courses without drastic schemes of reconstruction having to be carried out. An examination showed that on forty-seven courses reported on, thirty presented no difficulties. There were eleven where minor difficulties presented themselves, and six which presented difficulties that were not insuperable.

The Committee paid special attention to the case of Newmarket, and found that it would cost £13,000 to establish the Totalisator at the Rowley Mile stands, and £7,000 for the July course. Counting the cost of buildings the total for the two courses would come, roughly, to between £30,000 and £35,000. The Committee also found that at the minor meetings, where a portable totalisator would be possible, the capital expenditure necessary to instal it would probably not exceed £3,000 to £4,000.

The Committee makes one important stipulation, and that is, that it is essential that all the work should be done by one central non-dividend paying authority, acting under the direction of the Stewards of the various authorities concerned.

GALTEE MORE.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Sandown Park Meeting—Pond Handicap Steeplechase, December 22nd—May King.

Sandown Park engagements — Deerslayer, Northern Linnet.

Derby Meeting—Long-Distance Handicap Hurdle, December 19th—Lady San. Anglesey Hurdle—Cartoon.

Derby engagements—Northern Linnet, Crazy, Drinkless.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alton Towers Steeplechase, Uttoxeter, April Meeting—Banawe.

Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase, Cheltenham, December 28th—Chambord.

All engagements—Tendril (dead), Brownstown (dead).

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Saturday.

A fine morning.

BRABAZON'S Dunbarry Star travelled two miles at a good pace over fences.

COOMBS'S Carlovia and Rosy Eager were schooled over fences; Antaeus and Kilossory covered a mile and a half over hurdles.

DAWSON'S Perina, Lisworney, Laré, White Sleeves and others were usefully employed.

DOYLE'S Shannon Scheme, Denis Orb and Maid of Athlone galloped a mile, negotiating a few hurdles.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Goose Green and Tredecies were schooled over hurdles.

GRUNDY'S Steering Clear traversed a mile and a half at a useful rate.

GLEESON'S Shannon Power, Brighter Limerick, Glenomera and Glentworth were usefully employed.

HARTIGAN'S Connemara and Sabinea went a mile and a half over hurdles.

HUNTER'S Nell Gwynne was similarly employed.

MACAULAY'S Happy Dale cantered six furlongs, and negotiated a few hurdles.

PERRY'S Blue Look Out, Desmology and Prince Lomond were usefully employed.

PARKINSON'S Luacmore traversed a mile and a quarter steadily on the flat.

ROGERS'S Royal Miller and Sparsholt were usefully employed.

RANKINS' Lord Burdon and Miss Miranda practised hurdles.

J. Moyland will ride first jockey for H. Ussher's stable next season, and second claim on his services will be held by Captain H. Dixon.

THIS WEEK'S RACING FIXTURES.

ENGLAND.

Tuesday—Derby
Wednesday and Thursday—Sandown Park

LINGFIELD PARK.

SECOND DAY ABANDONED.

The concluding stage of the Lingfield Park Meeting on Saturday was abandoned owing to severe frost, this being the first meeting of the present jumping season to be stopped by adverse weather conditions. The going had been rendered very slippery by snow on Friday, and, with a very hard frost during the night, it was evident at an early hour on Saturday that racing would be impossible unless a thaw set in very quickly. This did not happen, and the executive had no choice but to abandon the day's racing.

DERBY POSTPONED.

An inspection of the Derby racecourse was made at noon yesterday, and it was decided, owing to frost, to postpone to-day's card until Tuesday and to abandon Tuesday's card.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Frost Prevents Greyhound Racing.

The greyhound racing meetings arranged to be decided on last Saturday night at the Wembley Stadium, London, and at Breck Park, Liverpool, were abandoned on account of the severe frost.

A Long Jump Record.

In the Natal athletic championships at Durban S. J. M. Atkinson, who represented South Africa at the last Olympic Games, won the long jump on last Saturday with 26ft. 9in.—a world's record.

Dunbarry Star's Useless Journey.

As a result of the abandonment of the second day's programme at Derby, Dunbarry Star, who left his training quarters at the Curragh last week to run to-morrow in the Burton Handicap Steeplechase, will have had a useless journey. He is engaged also in the Victory Steeplechase at Manchester on January 2, and, as he is lightly weighted, his connections may be compensated by winning this race.

J. Moylan's Riding Engagements.

John Moylan, who headed the winning list of Irish jockeys in 1926, and who finished second to Joseph Canty in the Irish jockey championship this season, will ride again as first jockey to Mr. H. Ussher's Brackenstown stable next year, whilst second claim on his services will be held by Captain Herbert Dixon.

A.R.A. and Sunday Rowing.

The annual Head of the River races had been arranged to take place at Putney yesterday, but it was announced that, at the request of the Amateur Rowing Association, they had been cancelled. The cancellation was, in fact, the result of the attitude of the Amateur Rowing Association, which had passed a resolution disapproving of organised races, competitions or regattas on Sundays, and a few days ago the Association received a message from the promoters of the races stating that, in deference to the wishes of the ruling body, the Committee had decided not to go on with the event.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

CAMBRIDGE WIN INTER-UNIVERSITY RACE.

Cambridge University brought off a big surprise in winning the inter-University cross-country race at Horton Kirby, Kent, on Saturday last. It was a very even contest, Cambridge winning by a single point, with an aggregate of 27 against 28. They owed their victory to the fine running of D. S. A. Jessop and J. R. Croggan, who deadheated for third and fourth places. The first man home was W. A. H. Edwards, of Oxford. The course of about seven miles included some hard plough, but the going was easy. Heavy snow fell during the race. The finishing times and placings were:—

	Mins.	Secs.
1—W. A. H. Edwards (Oxford)	43	56
2—A. N. S. Skelton (Cambridge)	44	5
3—D. S. A. E. Jessop (Cambridge)	44	55
4—J. R. Croggan (Cambridge)	44	55
5—I. Thomas (Oxford)	45	11
6—L. A. B. Cooke (Oxford)	45	24
7—J. M. Pumphrey (Oxford)	45	42
8—C. H. W. Roll (Cambridge)	45	57
9—P. G. Bryan-Daunt (Oxford)	45	59
10—D. M. Wilson (Cambridge)	46	34
11—J. A. Hartley (Cambridge)	46	42

The scoring placings were:—
Cambridge—2, 3, 4, 8, 10. Total—27 points.
Oxford—1, 5, 6, 7, 9. Total—28 points.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE 3RD BRIGADE.

Yesterday, in bitterly cold weather, at Ballincollig, Co. Cork, the 3rd Brigade Championship was held, and resulted in an easy win for the 8th Battalion, the 16th Battalion being the only other team competing. The Special Services, who have the status of a battalion, had several prominent runners on the spot, but being unable to start a full team were debarred.

The first half-dozen finishers were together for most of the journey, and when the race appeared to be a certainty for Houlahan, the 16th representative, Whelan, drew out 20 yards from home and won by 7 yards.

Individual placings:—Privates Whelan (16th Battalion), 1; Houlahan (8th Battalion), 2; Flynn (do.), 3; Moloney (do.), 4; Dowling (do.), 5; McCroskin (do.), 6; Coughlan (do.), 7; Dunne (16th Battalion), 8; Sergeant Farrell (8th Battalion), 9; Privates Regan (do.), 10; Sweeney (16th Battalion), 11; Connery (do.), 12; Reidy (do.), 13; Coughlan (do.), 14; Fleming (do.), 15; Campbell (do.), 16; Corporal Hilliard (do.), 17.

Team placings:—8th Battalion, 27 points; 16th Battalion, 45 points.

THE SEVENTH BRIGADE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 15th Battalion won the 7th Brigade Championship at Baldonnel last Saturday. Private Radford was the first home, defeating Cox, who was expected to win.

Individual placings:—Privates Radford (15th Battalion), 1; Cox (do.), 2; Mulcahy (do.), 3; Skeehan (5th Battalion), 4; Kellegher (15th Battalion), 5; Corporal Cuffe (5th Battalion), 6; Privates Baxter (15th Battalion), 7; O'Reilly (do.), 8; Corporal Banks (5th Battalion), 9; Privates Barry (15th Battalion), 10; King (do.), 11; McCarthy (5th Battalion), 12; Moynahan (do.), 13; Gallagher (15th Battalion), 14; Sloane (do.), 15; Jordan (do.), 16; Rooney (do.), 17; Coughlan (do.), 18; Cusack (do.), 19; Murnane (5th Battalion), 20.

Team placings:—15th Battalion—1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8—26 points; 5th Battalion—4, 6, 9, 12, 13, 20—64 points.

MALCOLM CUP RACE AT LURGAN.

At Lurgan Town Park last Saturday the third annual Inter-Club Junior Cross-Country Championship for the Malcolm Cup was held by the South Lurgan Harriers, and at the same time the Schoolboys' One Mile Championship, organised by the Northern Ireland Amateur Athletic, Cycling and Cross-Country Association, was held.

For the junior event eleven teams of twelve runners each entered, and the individual winner was S. W. Whiteside (Larne), who covered the six miles in 34 mins. 46 secs. W. J. Crane (South Lurgan) was second in 35 mins. 57 secs., and J. Cairns (West Down) third in 36 mins. 11 secs. West Down finished first in the team placings with 84 points. Duncairn (106) was second, and East Antrim (142) third.

There were seventeen entries for the schoolboys' race, and the winner was T. Livingstone (West Down), whose time was 7 mins. 28 secs. for the mile.

BOXING.

CONTESTS AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

There was a fair attendance at the Queen's Theatre last night, when a series of contests were decided. For the most part the boxing was up to a good standard and the sport was enjoyable. Details:—

SIX ROUNDS CONTESTS.

J. Golden (North City) beat J. M'Gee (St. Tarcisius). Golden was the stronger, and had M'Gee down for a count of eight in the third round, the gong saving the latter. M'Gee fought pluckily afterwards, but Golden was a clear winner on points.

J. Traynor (unattached) beat J. Purfield (St. Andrew's). Traynor was the more enterprising in the opening rounds, and kept both hands going steadily to the head. Purfield showed fine defence and improved as the fight went on, but Traynor had a majority of points in his favour.

G. Kelly (North City) beat P. Byrne (St. Andrew's). Kelly was the cleverer all through, and although Byrne gave him a good contest, the flyweight champion was always having the better of matters.

P. Hughes (North City) beat C. Gallagher (St. Andrew's). Hughes was much quicker and cleverer than Gallagher, who was out-boxed throughout, but fought on gamely and finished strongly.

F. Traynor (St. Paul's) beat C. O'Brien (Unity). A good, well-contested bout in which O'Brien more than held his own in the first three rounds, but a strong finish by Traynor earned the verdict.

J. Gaffney (Unity) beat W. Kavanagh (Phœnix) on points.

FOUR ROUNDS CONTESTS.

J. Kelly (North City) beat J. Gallagher (St. Andrew's). Two clever lads, with Kelly, who is juvenile light-weight champion, the superior. He won comfortably on points.

P. Morrissey (North City) beat J. Kelly (North City) on points.

BADMINTON MATCH IN ENNISKILLEN.

A badminton match between Belfast and Fermanagh and District, played in the County Hall, Enniskillen, last Saturday, resulted in a win for Belfast, the total points being Belfast 376, Fermanagh and District 207. The feature was the defeat of Miss Beatty and Major M'Callum (Belfast) by Miss Harvey and A. M'Gregor by 6-15, 18-13, 18-13.

HUNTING.

THE KILDARE HOUNDS.

Saturday last attracted a big field at Maynooth, with still a bitter wind blowing. It was a long jog on a very "polished" road to Carton (west) gate, and those who were riding horses "entered" to "Tarmac" had all the best of it. Only one fox was found in Carton, which was not accounted for, near the spot in the demesne wall over which the Meath Hounds had put a fox a fortnight ago. Taghadoe was next tried and held, but the objective got into a previously unknown rabbit-hole in covert. Hounds owned to a line in Donaghstown Wood, but just then a holloa resounded from where a fox had been viewed near Bryanstown Wood. A line was hit off, but nothing came of it, though hounds were cast on to Bryanstown covert.

The occupant of Cullen's was a very good-looker, but dilatory about going away. Eventually he went, and gave a nice gallop straight to Taghadoe, with Mr. Ball's house on the left. Being forced away again, he went by Crinstown on the right, and slowly over the Laragh Board of Works drain nearly to Laragh House, where all trace vanished at dark.

WATERFORD HOUNDS.

The Waterford Hounds met at Feddan's Cross, Rathgormack, on Tuesday, 13th December. Ballinafina covert was the first and only draw. A stout fox broke immediately in the direction of Coolnamuck, but was headed crossing the Rathgormack-Carrick road, and swung left-handed through the village, and on to Glendavalley, where he again turned sharp left-handed across the River Clodagh, and thence through Shanakill Wood, as if for Boolia Wood. Here there was a short break until the line was picked up again on the other bank of the river and carried back to Ballinafina. This was a fast burst of twenty minutes. Hounds, hunting beautifully, pushed their fox through the covert, when he took up again over the sam line of country as far as Shanakill. Here he swung right, and followed the right bank of the River Clodagh up to Glendavalley heading for the mountain. Recrossing the river at the top of the valley he bore right-handed across the bog and up Clondonnell Hill. Here much amusement was caused by a sportsman, who, taking his horse from under the plough, complete with collar and haines, joined in the hunt. After a few fields it was observed that he had a passenger riding pillion, all three taking their fences in great style.

At the foot of Clondonnell most people, thinking the fox had gone to the mountains, pulled up. As a matter of fact, after topping the hill he turned down across a fine bank country, over the Rathgormack-Clonmel road, swung left-handed through Park, and hounds were whipped off going into the Gurteen Woods at Glenpatrick. This ended a fine hunt, lasting in all 2 hours 15 minutes. Hounds hunted splendidly, and deserve great credit for sticking to their fox as they did over a long and difficult line of country.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Wednesday, 21	Culmullen	1.30
Saturday, 24	Kilrue	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Tuesday, 20	Ballymore-Eustace	11.0
Thursday, 22	Kildare	11.0
Saturday, 24	Betaghstown Cross Roads	11.0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Tobertynan	11.0
Tuesday, 20	Somerville	11.0
Thursday, 22	Slane	11.0
Friday, 23	Kilmoon	11.0

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.—December—Tuesday, 27th, Clarina; Wednesday, 28th, Creeve's Cross; Friday, 30th, Mount Coote. 1928—January—Monday, 2nd, Four Elms; Wednesday, 4th, Croom House; Friday, 6th, Knockaderry; Monday, 9th, Holy Cross; Wednesday, 11th, Dromore; Friday, 13th, Lee's Cross; Monday, 16th, Fedamore; Wednesday, 18th, Kilfinny Cross; Friday, 20th, Rock Hill Cross roads. At 10.45 a.m.

TIPPERARY HOUNDS.—December — Monday, 19th, Marlfield; Wednesday, 21st, Silverfort Cross; Thursday, 22nd, Hymenstown; Saturday, 24th, Coalbrook Village; Monday, 26th, Fethard. At 11 a.m.

GOLF.

ROYAL DUBLIN'S VICTORY OVER THE IRISH BAR G.S.

A piercing easterly wind swept the links at Dollymount last Saturday, and the annual match between the Royal Dublin Club and the Irish Bar Golfing Society was anything but an enjoyable outing. In fact, it was almost impossible to take a firm grip of the leather, and the strength of the wind set at nought all ideas of balance and control of the ball, except in the case of players accustomed to such conditions.

Play was by foursomes, and the result was a one-sided win for the Club, the score being nine matches to two, with one halved. The Bar had not its best team out, nor was it a representative club side. Details:—

Bar Golfing Society.		Royal Dublin Club.	
T. C. K. Moore and R. Grove White, 1 up	1	E. S. Quinn and J. Fielding	0
Joseph Healy and T. Hughes, 4 and 3	1	R. F. Holmes and L. Goodbody	0
Sir Walter Boyd and John Healy	0	J. D. Walsh and T. Johnson, 5 and 4	1
P. M'Carthy and A. D. Pringle	0	R. A. Alderson and C. W. Murphy, 3 & 2	1
R. G. Leonard and G. M'Carthy	0	Canon J. Crozier and Rev. H. Forde, 3 & 2	1
E. C. Micks and R. L. Tyrrell	0	Dr. W. L. Murphy & K. E. O'Duffy, 2 & 1	1
Judge Roche and A. E. Corbett	0	G. F. Sparrow and N. Merrion, 7 and 6	1
Judge FitzGibbon and W. E. Glover	0	Dr. W. Lowe and Dr. M'Knight, 3 and 1	1
R. T. Cherry and Charles Kenny	½	J. Sullivan and John Robb	½
G. Horan and W. L. Armstrong	0	S. D. Lambert and A. J. Barrett, 4 and 3	1
W. Redmond and K. Meares	0	E. W. Mooney and Dr. Crofton, 1 up	1
James R Reardon and W. Q. Murphy	0	T. G. Wallis and A. Kelly, 6 and 5	1
	2½		9½

MR. "BOBBY" JONES AND THE AMATEUR TITLE.

Mr. "Bobby" Jones has announced that he does not expect to defend his title of British Open Champion next year, or that he will play in the Amateur Championship at Prestwick.

He emphasises that it was not because he did not want to go to England. It was to the contrary. He said it was impossible for him to leave America before June, it being essential for him to complete the course in the Law School of Emory University.

WOODVILLE (LURGAN).—At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected:—Captain—Mr. Cecil Brown; Hon. Secretary—Mr. C. W. Neill; Hon. Treasurers—Messrs. J. Simpson and J. Boyle; Trustee (in place of Mr. W. H. E. Brown, J.P., deceased)—Dr. Michael Deeny, J.P. Additions to the Committee—Messrs. Donald Anderson, Harold Brown, S. Crothers, T. J. Gilchrist, William Hill, R. Hodgett, William Johnston, and Jas. Neill.

RATHFARNHAM.—Ladies' Branch—Result of December medal:—A Division—Mrs. Yeates (rec. 13), 4 up. B Division—Miss Flood (rec. 19), 11 down; Mrs. Irvine (rec. 20), 11 down; Miss Jackson-Smyth (rec. 24), 11 down. On last Tuesday a large number of lady associates met at the clubhouse, when the vice-president, Mrs. T. Batchen, made a presentation of a gold watch-bracelet to Mrs. J. E. Healy, honorary secretary, as a mark of their appreciation.

GOLF.
Golf Stockings, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6.
Check and Fancy Designs in Golf Stockings, 10/6 and 12/6.
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HANDBALL.

SOFT BALL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The junior soft ball singles championship, which has extended over a number of months owing to the large entry, is now in the last rounds, two players already having qualified for the semi-finals. Yesterday the competition was advanced, and four more matches will leave the way clear for the final. As this competition will conclude all the outstanding soft ball championships, and as a period will intervene before the next competitions will start, the Dublin Committee intend promoting an open double-handed gold medal competition.

E. Fitzgerald (St. Werburgh's), who from the start of the championship was singled out as likely to go far, justified expectations by defeating J. Kiernan (St. Catherine's) in no uncertain manner in the Castle yesterday by 21-16, 21-8, qualifying to meet M. Byrne (Clontarf). P. Powderly (Geraldines) was disappointed by the non-appearance of his opponent, and the walk-over puts him in the same position as Fitzgerald in the other semi-final. Good matches were witnessed in the Castle last Saturday, J. O'Reilly (D.M.G.) defeating B. Walsh (D.M.G.), 21-14, 15-21, 21-18, and in a fast doubles match S. McDermott and K. Daly (Clontarf) defeated M. Rogers and P. Berry (Civil Service) 21-14, 21-18.

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RUGBY.

A SURPRISING MATCH.

LEINSTER OUTPLAY ULSTER

THE OUTCOME OF GENUINE FORWARD PLAY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL RUGBY CORRESPONDENT.)

The defeat of Ulster by Leinster at Ravenhill, Belfast, on Saturday was about the most surprising result in the annals of the Rugby game. Most followers of the code in both provinces were convinced that Ulster was bound to win, few gave Leinster a chance, but nobody thought it possible that the Southern side would bring off a victory by a score of 2 goals and 5 tries to 1 goal, 1 dropped goal and 1 penalty goal, or 25 points to 12 points.

This achievement of the Leinster side will start a good deal of discussion as to whether new or old methods of forward play are the more effective. When A. Buchanan declared off the Leinster side it was found that it included no man who claimed to be a specialist as hooker. Farrell, who led the pack, suggested before the game that, in the absence of a hooker, they should all shove to their utmost strength and take their positions at random in the pack. This they did, and to what purpose the result bears admirable testimony. The Ulster pack, which contained many wingers, was as badly beaten as any Ulster side ever was before.

SUGDEN AND DAVY EXCEL.

In the loose the superiority of the Leinster forwards was even more pronounced, and, with Sugden and Davy happening to hit off an even happier understanding than ever before, and with Ganly and Arigho also rising to great heights, the Ulster side was made to look a comparatively moderate combination. There was nothing in the nature of a fluke about the win; had Leinster scored a couple of more tries, which they might easily have done, it would have been no more than they deserved. The result was the outcome of genuine forward work, in which every man, whether he was a winger or not, shoved his full weight, and did not spare himself in the loose play either.

J. D. CLINCH COMES BACK.

If credit is due to one forward more than another it is due to J. D. Clinch, who played the game of his life. Abandoning the wing game, he got into every part of the scrimmage at times, and yet showed up even more in the loose than he did in the Munster match, and a more pleasing feature of his play still was his support of the backs. Up to then he had neglected this part of his play so far this season, but he was invaluable in this game. There is always a feeling of confidence when one sees Clinch in position to field a catch, and that confidence is never betrayed.

D. P. MANLY SHAPES WELL.

Manly, the Swansea wing three-quarter, was, I think, seeing Ireland for the first time, but, like Charles Hallaran, he is qualified to play for Ireland, and also, like the Services' forward, would rather play for this country than any other. He was a bit at sea in the early part of the game, and, after missing several passes and getting out of position at times, one would be inclined to write him down as a failure, but as the game advanced he fitted in better with the style of our backs, and showed himself as possessed of real football ability as well as undoubted pace. Manly will certainly have to be reckoned with in the final trial. Arigho, up to the time he had his hand injured, was a great success and well justified his selection. His try, in gaining which he beat Douglas badly, was the best score of the game, and I doubt if any other player on the field would have achieved it. Millin was the weakest link in the back division, and was in a measure to blame for the one try scored by Ulster. Leinster were attacking at the time, and he had a great chance to send Arigho away, but hung on himself, and, the ball getting loose, George Stephenson whipped it up, and, though tackled by Kennedy, got it away to his brother, who had a clear course for the line.

THE LEINSTER FORWARDS.

The play of the Leinster forwards in this match will long be remembered. Eight more genuine workers seldom got together in the same pack. Next to Clinch I thought Carroll and Cagney the best, but then it was really a case where nearly everyone was as good as the other. Dixon and the Trinity Pike worked like demons all through. Keaney, about the lightest of the lot, was prominent throughout in the loose rushes, but appeared at times to rather lack confidence in himself. T. O. Pike played his best game this season, and James Farrell, as he always does, gave of his best and set a fine example to the men he asked to follow him.

THE ULSTER SIDE.

There were no reputations made on the Ulster side, but a few, I am afraid, were lost. Douglas, on the whole, played well, and could really only be blamed for one score—namely that got by Arigho, though I doubt if any other full-back would have caught the elusive little Lansdowne three-quarter. Byers played in a manner which suggested that if he got chances he would have been a very dangerous man to deal with. Both Stephensons suffered like the other Ulster backs from lack of opportunities, and, as well, seemed to find the ball hard to handle. Atkinson, except for his dropped goal, did little that was effective, and the half-back pair, Adrian and H. Hewitt, were in a hopeless plight behind beaten forwards and faced by Sugden and Davy at their very best. Browne was never conspicuous in the game, but Beamish, Bramwell and Payne strove their hardest to stop the route of the team.

HOW THE PLAY WENT.

Right from the start the Leinster forwards took command of the game, but play was in their 25 when the movement started which led to the first score. This came five minutes from the start, and it was initiated by Arigho, who, after intercepting a pass, raced to half-way before cross-kicking. A couple of Ulster backs fumbled, and, after Ganly had failed in an attempt to pick up, Millin gathered and shot the ball out to Manly, who crossed for a try. Kennedy missed the kick. The Leinster full back was instrumental in stopping a fierce Ulster forward rush which followed this score, and later fielded the ball from an attempted penalty goal kick by G. V. Stephenson and replied with advantage to touch. Ulster were making desperate efforts to break through, and only particularly fine tackling by Ganly and Davy prevented them doing so. Clinch made his one blunder of the match when, attempting to field the ball, he let it drop, but Millin jumped in to touch it down and save a score. The Leinster forwards, playing in grand style, soon carried play to the other end, and Davy was held up not many yards from the line. Another break-away by the Ulster forwards was pulled up by Ganly, and then came the best try of the match.

ARIGHO'S CLEVER TRY.

Leinster were pressing when Sugden put Davy in possession, and, the latter passing high over Millin's head, Arigho fielded cleverly, and, though with but little room between him and touch, raced round Douglas to ground the ball. Kennedy again found the kick too difficult. It was now evident that the game was going to be a particularly exciting one, and both teams set about their work in most strenuous fashion, Ulster fighting hard to make up leeway. They scored in most unexpected fashion. Leinster were penalised near halfway, and Hewitt, taking a drop kick, brought off a wonderful goal. In no way subdued through this reverse, the Leinster forwards went back to the attack, Sugden getting the ball dummied several times before sending to T. O. Pike, who threw himself across the line. Farrell this time essayed the kick, but failed, and at half-time Leinster led by 9 points to 3.

THE SECOND HALF.

With the change of ends the game proceeded in much the same way. Leinster kept command all the time, and it was a well-deserved score which came just after the restart. Sugden, whose passes always found their way to the hands of the man they were intended for, shot out to Manly, who, after making ground, sent in again to Davy, and, the latter, using his strength and weight to advantage, grounded the ball for a try. Ganly missed the kick. In the subsequent play Manly was prominent for a fine tackle of Byers, but the Ulster pressure was sustained, and Atkinson, getting a chance in a good position, dropped a goal.

ULSTER DRAW LEVEL.

Just at this stage Ulster gave of their best, and when it looked as if Millin would turn the game round in favour of Leinster, he neglected Arigho, and, trying to go through himself, was tackled. The ball got in the loose, and G. V. Stephenson, picking it up, was tackled by Kennedy, but whipped it away to his brother, who had a clear run for the line. Atkinson had no difficulty about converting from in front of goal, and the scores were now level at 12 points each. Leinster, so far, had had much the better of the play and deserved to be in the lead. They were not long about getting it, however. A sharp passing move between Sugden and Davy got the ball away to Manly, who crossed far out. T. O. Pike made a fine effort to convert, but just missed. Then came a regular rout of the Ulster side. Ganly and Davy scored tries in quick succession, and, Kennedy converting both, Leinster won a surprising match by 25 points to 12.

Result:—
Leinster—2 goals 5 tries (25 points).
Ulster—1 goal 1 dropped goal 1 penalty goal (12 points).

Teams:—

ULSTER.

Full-back—A. C. Douglas (Instonians).

Three-quarters—H. W. Stephenson (United Services), G. V. Stephenson (N.I.F.C.), J. M. Atkinson (N.I.F.C.), R. M. Byers (N.I.F.C.).

Halves—H. C. Hewitt (Instonians), J. A. Adrian (N.I.F.C.).

Forwards—G. R. Beamish (Royal Air Force), T. Bramwell (N.I.F.C.), W. F. Browne (United Services), C. T. Payne (N.I.F.C.), J. H. McElney (N.I.F.C. and Edinburgh University), W. G. Dick (Instonians), H. McVicker (Collegians and the Army), J. Siggins (Collegians).

LEINSTER.

Full-back—D. Kennedy (Wanderers).

Three-quarters—D. P. Manly (Swansea), J. B. Ganly (Monkstown), T. J. Millin (Northampton), J. Arigho (Lansdowne).

Half-backs—E. O. Davy (capt.) (Lansdowne), M. Sugden (Wanderers and Perth).

Forwards—S. J. Cagney (London-Irish and Wanderers), C. Carroll (Bective), J. D. Clinch (Wanderers), J. L. Farrell (Bective), J. Keaney (Blackrock), R. B. Pike (Dublin University), T. O. Pike (Lansdowne), H. L. Dixon (Dublin University).

DUDLEY CUP FINAL.

CORK AND DUBLIN UNIVERSITIES DRAW.

CORK WIN CUP FOR FOURTH YEAR IN SUCCESSION.

By drawing with University College, Dublin, on Saturday last at the Mardyke, Cork, University College, Cork, retain possession of the Dudley Cup for the fourth year in succession, thus equalling the record established by Queen's University, Belfast. A continuous downpour of rain had enforced the abandonment of the fixture between Dublin and Galway, the latter of whom had been defeated on the previous afternoon by the Munster students, who, therefore, won the competition on points.

The ground was virtually unplayable on Saturday also, following the continuous heavy rains of the two previous days, but, fortunately, conditions overhead were greatly improved. The weather was bitterly cold. Back play was an impossibility under the circumstances, and, indeed, fifteen minutes after the start the players were unrecognisable. The ground rapidly became worse as the game proceeded; while retaining a foothold was difficult, handling movements with the greasy ball were out of the question.

The Corkmen adapted themselves to the conditions in much better style than their opponents, and, for this reason alone, deserved to win. Their forwards to a man played like Trojans, and, in addition to winning the majority of the scrums, also showed a greater superiority in the loose. They gave one of the best exhibitions of forward play seen in the South for several seasons, and their combined rushes were a feature of the game, which, despite its character, was always interesting and exciting. T. K. White, J. Coffey, and W. Egan were the outstanding members of a really fine pack, M. Shipley and E. Fitzgerald being possibly the outstanding outsides. Sound defence work by the Dublin backs saved their line again and again. From glimpses of their form in passing movements, one would have wished to watch them under more favourable conditions. Despite the excellence of the Cork pack, the game might possibly have gone in the Dubliners' favour. They were best served by M. J. Brosnan, J. C. O. Lyddy, and M. Shelly, in the pack; and J. M. O'Sullivan and P. Cremin, of the backs. Result:—

University College, Cork—Nil.
University College, Dublin—Nil.

Teams:—

University College, Cork—E. J. Fitzgerald; J. W. McCarthy, G. O'Flynn, W. O'Meara, J. Buckley; M. Shipley (scrum), W. A. Collins (out); T. K. White (capt.), J. McGovern, B. Dillon, J. Coffey, R. McEnery, W. Egan, H. Newman, J. Connolly.

University College, Dublin—J. M. O'Sullivan; T. J. Morris, P. Cremin, K. Keohane, E. More Caraher; P. J. Roche (out); R. Hogan (scrum); T. Treacy, H. Eardley, M. J. Brosnan, F. O'Driscoll, J. C. A. Lyddy, W. O. Cremin, J. J. Hooper, M. Shelly.

Referee—Mr. R. Coleman.

AN UPSET TO FORM.

PALMERSTON DEFEAT WANDERERS.

At their first meeting this season Palmerston defeated Wanderers by a goal to a try at Clonskeagh on Saturday. The match was fixed for Lansdowne road, but was changed to the Palmerston pitch owing to the death of Mr. J. B. Moore. The weather was bitterly cold, and neither side was at full strength, Wanderers being without Kennedy, Morton, J. K. Reilly and West, while Cathcart and Faulkiner were absent from the Palmerston side.

Wanderers had the aid of a strong wind in the first half, and attacked, Hutchison dropping at goal, but sending under the bar. Hendrick and V. Kirwan defended well, and after Vaughan had stopped a Palmerston rush Murray, Hutchison, Peard and Shee were active in attack, and Potterton, from a long range free, just dropped short. Soon after he was short with another drop. After half an hour's play Murray got over from a scrum near the Palmerston line, but his kick just missed by a foot.

In the second half Palmerston did better, and play became more exciting. Potterton sent wide from a free in a fairly easy position, and strong attacks by Wanderers only failed to produce scores through forward passes. After a spell of defence Hill, from a free, cleared for Palmerston with a fine touch kick, and following a scrum Hussey worried his way through the ruck for a good score at the left five minutes from the end, Wall converting from the touch-line to give Palmerston the victory.

The Palmerston forwards had a big share in the win, their bustling and spoiling methods frustrating all efforts of the visiting backs to get going as a line. The best of them were Hill, Wilson, Hussey and Thompson. Vincent Kirwan, as usual, was sound at back; Kendrick and Bates did best in a line that was mainly individualistic. Wall was not quite at home at out-half, and Russell was no match for Murray. Vaughan defended stoutly for Wanderers. Shee and Peard ran well, but were well marked, and Locke and Harris kicked smartly; but slow passing lost chances. Hutchison was very clever at out-half, but Murray tried the impossible in endeavouring to carry the side on his back. Of the forwards, Potterton, Keatinge, Young and Hilton did best. Result:—

Palmerston—1 goal (5 points).
Wanderers—1 try (3 points).

Teams:—

Wanderers—E. Vaughan; W. H. Peard, A. P. Harris, A. E. Locke, J. Shee; A. S. M. Hutchison, P. F. Murray; J. Carroll, R. E. Ellis, A. J. Fisher, H. J. Hilton, L. Keatinge, A. W. Nowlan, H. N. Potterton, D. T. Young.

Palmerston—V. E. Kirwan; J. E. Bates, J. W. Scanlon, W. E. Crampton, V. Hendrick; T. H. D. Wall, A. R. Russell; C. M. Hill, J. E. Kean, D. D. Hussey, T. A. Thompson, W. A. Ruddell, C. N. Kirwan, F. R. Willis, J. R. Y. Wilson.

Referee—Mr. W. H. Acton.

BECTIVE IMPROVEMENT MAINTAINED.

BLACKROCK COLLEGE BEATEN POINTLESS.

The sound and resolute football played by Bective Rangers at Williamstown on Saturday merited reward, but fortune threw in a little extra when it enabled them to defeat Blackrock College by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to nil.

During the first half Blackrock kept up a fairly constant pressure, it is true. That oblique running caused many promising movements to end in touch, while deadly Bective tackling stopped the others. Still these movements were so frequent and so neatly executed that one felt at least one try was deserved. Then Fullen, usually a very safe place kick, failed to convert two penalties from right in front of goal.

Bective, on the other hand, made the most of their chances. After defending with the utmost determination for three-fourths of the first half, they proceeded to open the scoring. Blackrock had been attacking when Arigho cut through and kicked ahead. A scrum was formed at the Blackrock "25": Cuddy sent the ball along to Ballagh, who scampered over for a try, which Sheehan had hard luck not to convert, his shot hitting the upright. In much the same way the Blackrock attack was reversed in the second half. Joining in a forward rush, Fitzsimons picked up and sent to Ballagh, who again went over, for Sheehan to add the points. Later Cuddy kicked down the field from the centre; Robinson followed up, and, the bounce of the ball favouring him, he gathered, scored a try, and Sheehan again kicked a goal. Bective improved as the game progressed, and towards the end were playing a fine, open game. Blackrock were unlucky to lose the services of Stanley early in the second half, an injury rendering it necessary for him to retire, but Bective had scored a goal and a try before he went off.

Sheehan, in the last line for Bective, gave another good display; he was cool and confident under heavy pressure; his kicking was long and accurate and his tackling thorough. Ballagh was fast and resolute on the wing; Fitzsimons got through an immense amount of useful work in the centre; and Cuddy, at out-half, was particularly good in defence. The forwards were speedy and clever in the loose, Little, Deering, [illegible] prominent. McMullen [illegible] of the good Blackrock [illegible] Lenane [illegible] the scrum. The forwards [illegible] Keogh, Maguire, [illegible] the fore. Result:—

Bective Rangers—2 goals 1 try (13 points).
Blackrock College—Nil.

Teams.—Bective Rangers—M. Sheehan; S. Ballagh, T. Dowd, J. Fitzsimons [illegible] Arigho; T. Little, [illegible] Fitzsimons, W. Walker, [illegible] botham, M. Deering [illegible]

Blackrock College—G. B. Kenny; L. D. McMullen, L. D. Stanley, K. Devenish, [illegible] M. Lenane; S. Keogh [illegible] Maguire, M. Cogan, [illegible] Gleeson.

Referee—Mr. R. W. Jeffares, Junior.

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OLD WESLEY'S GOOD WIN.

MONKSTOWN MISS GANLY.

Monkstown were very much below strength for their match with Old Wesley at Donnybrook on Saturday, and suffered a heavy defeat by 2 goals and 3 tries (19 points) to nil. The absence from the Monkstown back division of J. B. Ganly, who was engaged in the Interprovincial at Belfast, was a particularly big loss, and the side never appeared to properly settle down. In every phase of the play the Wesleyans were the superior side, and they were full value for every one of their points.

It was a very poor game, the play possessing nothing worthy of note. Kapp and Ballagh were the most noticeable players in the Wesley middle line, and the latter had some strong runs. Young played a fine game at out-half, and McLarnon, though not highly tested, did anything which came his way quite well. The front rank were best represented by Ruttle, Love and Prim.

Buchanan, who deputised for O'Brien, in the last line of defence for Monkstown, had a trying time, and performed moderately. Williams was the best of a very uneven three-quarter line, while Barnett worked hard at half. McAuley, Murphy and O'Reilly were foremost amongst the forwards.

Though Old Wesley had much the better of the opening half they only scored once up to the interval. The try came in the first five minutes of the game, a clever run through by Young enabling Smith to gain much ground before passing back again to Young for the latter to cross and subsequently convert. Save for a couple of incursions, Monkstown were kept on the defensive in the second period, but it was mid-ways through before Wesley got their second try. This was scored by Ballagh, after Willoughby and Young had handled. Young added the extra points. From this to the end the home side had matters much their own way, and after Ruttle had scored an unconverted try further tries came from Kapp and Grey, the last-named player crossing after a clever run. During this half Monkstown got a couple of chances of kicking goals from frees, but on each occasion Pickeman sent wide. Result:—

Old Wesley ... 2 goals, 3 tries (19 points)
Monkstown .... Nil

The teams were:—

Old Wesley—H. McLarnon; F. H. Kapp, F. Ballagh, W. M. Smyth, R. D. Gray; G. J. Young, J. W. Willoughby; H. S. Ruttle, J. Greenaway, D. C. Fitzpatrick, E. W. Massey, M. J. Maher, A. W. Love, H. D. Prim, J. Beggs.

Monkstown—J. Buchanan; R. H. Brown, J. Connor, H. Williams, J. V. Connell; W. R. Barnett, C. J. O'Connell; J. Murphy, E. Mulhern, N. J. McCauley, D. C. Pickeman, M. A. J. O'Reilly, K. O'Farrell, R. Barrett, W. E. Judge.

Referee—Mr. T. Bell.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE TEAM VISITS CASTLEKNOCK.

CLEVER HANDLING BY NORTHERN SIDE.

Campbell College, Belfast, paid a welcome visit to Dublin with a view of meeting Castleknock and Clongowes. They encountered Castleknock on Saturday, and are engaged to meet Clongowes on Tuesday. They gained a meritorious win over Castleknock by 2 penalty goals and 3 tries to 1 try, and thoroughly deserved their victory.

They have a very good team, whose backs are especially clever, and whose passing and handling of the ball might be copied with advantage by many of our senior teams. They were up against a right good side in Castleknock, whose forwards held their own quite well, but the home backs were not by any means as speedy and nippy as their opponents. The game was a very keen and open one, and quite interesting to watch, and the form displayed by both sides speaks well for school football in Ireland.

Harkness played a good game at full, and was safe and cool, kicking with good judgment. Robinson, Ievers and Dowling were the best of a very good set of backs; and Taggart, Pennington and Baine were the most noticeable in the front rank.

For Castleknock, Collins, the full back, played very well indeed. He kicked and fielded well and went down to the rushes in plucky fashion. Saurin, R. Ryan and O'Connor were prominent in the back division, and Maher, O'Leary and McGinley in the forward division.

Following good passing Robinson scored for Campbell's, and this was the only score of the first half, which was evenly contested. In the second period Campbell's scored tries per Turner and Fox, and Ievers kicked two penalty goals. Maher scored a try for Castleknock, Saurin's shot from a difficult position striking an upright.

Result:—
Campbell College—2 penalty goals and 3 tries (15 points).
Castleknock College—1 try (3 points).

Teams:—

Campbell College—H. Harkness; R. W. Fox, F. R. Ievers, W. Barnett, J. Robinson; A. D. Turner, J. A. Dowling; D. L. Taggart (capt.), J. R. Baine, D. G. Montgomery, K. J. Mossley, J. W. Grant, S. Pennington, R. T. Corry, T. H. Wilson.

Castleknock College—J. Collins; B. O'Connor, M. Saurin (capt.), C. Gore-Grimes, R. H. O'Brien, R. Ryan, E. Sweeney; F. Feeney, M. Moore, E. Maher, G. Ryan, J. O'Leary, W. McGinley, T. Halpin, E. O'Beirne.

Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.

DEFEAT OF THE WARATAHS.

SCOTLAND WIN AT MURRAYFIELD.

A CURIOUS SLIP.

As the outcome of a wonderful struggle in the presence of fully 50,000 people at Murrayfield on Saturday, Scotland gained a great triumph over New South Wales by two goals to one goal and one try, and at the same time secured the honour of being the first country to defeat the Waratahs in an international encounter. In administering to the Waratahs the third defeat of the tour, Scotland caused some surprise; for their XV. with so many new faces in it, was largely experimental, but on the run of the game the Scotsmen thoroughly deserved their narrow victory. Their team rose to the occasion in great style, and gave a very fine display.

CLOSE MARKING.

The forwards, in particular, were a lively lot, not only holding their own in the tight scrummages, but showing to great advantage in the loose, where their quick following-up enabled them to get among the visiting backs and upset the combination to a large extent. Roughead did his work as hooker very well, indeed, the ball coming out on the Scottish side quite a lot; and Douty and Greenlees, the two new halves, performed their task in a most satisfactory fashion. Greenlees showed plenty of enterprise, and of the three-quarters, Kelly, moved inside when Macpherson could not play, to make room for E. G. Taylor, was very nearly, if not quite, the best. Kelly and Simmers got through an immense amount of work both in attack and defence. In fact, the close marking of all the Scottish three-quarters was no inconsiderable factor in the success of the side.

The cold weather and the hard, frozen ground may have upset the visitors, who only showed their best form in patches. For a long time the Waratahs tackling was none too certain, and they failed to hold their passes; while the touch-finding at no time reached the standard attained in other games. The forwards, too, exercised no superiority in the line-out or in hooking, but towards the end their play rose to a high level. In several attacks their short, close passing movements gained a lot of ground, and led to the last score of the match. Both full-backs did well, Ross having the more strenuous time. That player, indeed, went down to rushes with the greatest pluck. The pace in the second half was very fast, the play fluctuating in a manner that kept everyone on the tip-toe of excitement.

STOPPAGES.

The referee, however, made one blunder when he failed to take into account the fairly long delays and stopped the match dead on time at the end of forty minutes, as New South Wales were then pressing hard and showing their best all-round form of the game. This may, or may not, have affected the result; but, as the match was played, Scotland deserved to win; for they were the better side.

Almost from the start the Scottish forwards showed to strong advantage in rushes, and at times they took part in fine passing movements. From one of these bouts Taylor got over on the right, but before he could touch down he was thrown into touch in goal. Dykes was responsible for starting a movement which threatened danger to the Waratahs' line. New South Wales, however, gained relief when Lawton cut through and passed to Wallace. The visiting captain cross-kicked, but one of his forwards was at fault in handling, and a good opening was lost. Lawton tried to land a penalty goal from a long way out, but his kick failed. Still the Waratahs kept the play in the Scottish half of the field, and Scotland were fortunate to escape when E. Ford punted a little too hard. For some time the handling left a lot to be desired, the cold weather, no doubt, accounting for so many dropped passes.

At length the Scottish backs brought off a fine round of passing, and Scott touched down, but he was yards offside. Making the most of the visitors' mistakes the Scottish forwards indulged in several fierce rushes, and on one occasion Graham dribbled right through, but, fortunately for the Waratahs, E. Ford managed to get back in time to pick up and gain relief by kicking into touch. The close marking of the Scottish backs prevented the New South Wales three-quarters from making much headway, and for a long time play was in the visitors' half of the field.

THE OPENING SCORE.

The Waratahs, however, were the first to score, a brilliant bout of passing, in which several men took part, ending in E. Ford getting over with a try, which Lawton converted.

Within two minutes Scotland were level. Cutting inside and through the centre Simmers punted over the head of Ross, and Graham, following up with great dash, ran over with a try. Drysdale converted with a splendid kick. Almost immediately afterwards Scotland went very close to a second score, J. Ford intercepting finely after a weakness in touch-finding shown by the Waratahs' backs made the work of their forwards particularly heavy, and the Scottish pack more than held their own up to half-time, just prior to which Ross made a good, but unsuccessful, attempt to drop a goal.

The Waratahs had a narrow escape early in the second half, when, during a fierce struggle near their line, King passed back to Ross, who found touch. In turn they were unlucky, for Wallace, after a capital run, slipped on the hard turf and lost the ball. As the game progressed the pace became faster and faster, and the play more keenly fought. The Waratahs gradually improved, and a fine run by Breckenridge carried the play to within ten yards of the Scottish line. Kelly brought relief by breaking through in the centre, but he spoilt his good work by passing badly.

GIVE AND TAKE.

The sides remained on even terms until twenty-five minutes after the resumption. Then Greenlees began a movement which was carried on by Simmers, who cross-kicked for Welsh to gather the ball smartly and score a try, which Drysdale converted. Wallace, from an opening made by Sheehan, went close to a score for the Waratahs, whose forwards took part in a capital short passing movement. J. Ford scored very cleverly, and Lawton only just failed to convert the try.

Then followed desperate play on the part of the Waratahs, and in quick succession, first E. Ford and then J. Ford nearly went over, but the Scottish defence held out in an exciting finish, and the home side went to victory by the narrow margin of two points.

Result:—
Scotland—2 goals (10 points).
New South Wales—1 goal, 1 try (8 points).

Teams:—

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New South Wales—A. W. Ross (University); E. E. Ford (Glebe Balmain), W. B. J. Sheehan (University), S. C. King (Western Suburbs), and A. C. Wallace (Glebe Balmain); A. T. Lawton (Western Suburbs), and S. Malcolm (Newcastle); H. F. Woods (Y.M.C.A.), J. G. Blackwood (Eastern Suburbs), B. Judd (Randwick), A. N. Finlay (University), G. P. Storey (Western Suburbs), J. E. Breckenridge (Glebe Balmain), J. Ford (Glebe Balmain), and A. Tancred (Glebe Balmain).

Referee—Mr. W. J. Llewellyn (Wales).

BALBRIGGAN DRAW WITH WANDERERS.

At Balbriggan on Saturday Wanderers' second string, though weakly represented, managed to draw with a representative home side. There were very few attempts at combination by either back lines, and the home side were the greater offenders in this respect. The tackling was deplorably bad, and Reeves should never have been allowed to cross in Wanderers' opening score. The packs were fairly evenly matched, and both indulged in some good work in the loose; in the second period the homesters had the best of matters, and, heeling the ball cleanly, Owens continually had his backs moving.

Wanderers were best represented by Barber (full-back), Murphy, Beere and Davin, in the back division; and Graves, Anderson, and Freer were always prominent amongst the forwards. For Balbriggan, Laing, May, Cumiskey and Owens were the pick of a back division, who were disappointing. Forward, F. Larkin, C. Murdock and McCormick were best. The latter was the outstanding player on the field: he is tall and heavy, and does not spare himself.

The play opened in the visitors' favour, and Balbriggan were defending when from a scramble near the line, Graves picked up and, evading several feeble tackles, crossed for a try. Murray converted. Shortly after, with the home full-back beaten, a score seemed certain, but Cumiskey saved by kicking dead. In a few minutes Davin picked up in the loose and scored an unconverted try. The second half saw a big improvement in the play of the home forwards, and after Cumiskey had kicked a penalty goal McCormick finished a fine movement by scoring a try, which Cumiskey converted. Result:—

Wanderers 2nd—1 goal and 1 try (8 points).
Balbriggan—1 goal and 1 penalty goal (8 points).

Teams:—

Wanderers 2nd—D. Barber; T. Murphy, J. Keatinge, H. S. Beere, L. Levin; N. P. Davin, D. Keatinge; A. Anderson, A. L. Murray, P. Freer, C. Graves, C. Digges, G. Robertson, M. H. Ellis.

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SCOTLAND V. FRANCE.

SCOTTISH TEAM.

Meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday evening, the Scottish Selection Committee decided to make only one change in the team to oppose France in Paris on January 2nd, from that which overcame the Waratahs in the afternoon. Ian S. Smith, an original choice for the New South Wales match, who could not play owing to injury, will displace E. G. Taylor at right-wing threequarter. The XV. is as follows:—

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LONDON XV. V. NEW SOUTH WALES.

The London team to meet the Waratahs at Twickenham on Boxing Day has been selected as follows:—K. A. Sellar (Hampshire); W. J. Taylor (Surrey), A. R. Aslett (Hampshire), G. V. Stephenson (Middlesex) and J. C. Knibbs (Kent); R. S. Spong (Middlesex) and A. T. Young (Kent); A. W. Brown (Surrey), R. Cove-Smith (Middlesex), W. A. V. Thomas (Middlesex), W. W. Wakefield (Middlesex), D. Turquand-Young (Hampshire), H. L. Price (Surrey), D. J. MacMyn (Middlesex), and R. Jones (Middlesex).

Referee—Mr. D. Helliwell (Yorkshire).

JUNIOR INTERPROVINCIAL.

LEINSTER v. ULSTER.

The following team has been selected to represent Leinster against Ulster in the Junior Interprovincial, to be played at Donnybrook on Saturday, 14th January, 1928:—

Full—S. T. A. Radcliffe (Dublin University).

Three-quarters—Left wing, V. Harris (Lansdowne); left centre, A. E. Locke (Wanderers); right centre, H. J. Robinson (Dublin University); right wing, R. H. Healy (Dublin University).

Half-backs—Scrum, J. O'Neill (Athy); out, P. Kenny (Blackrock).

Forwards—T. Byrne (Civil Service), W. T. Condell (Kilkenny), R. W. Hannagen (Carlow), B. F. Hanrahan (Lansdowne), H. J. Hilton (Wanderers), M. A. McInerney (Bective Rangers), K. O'Farrell (Monkstown), C. O'Neill (Clontarf).

The selected players are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Acton, 32 Brighton road, Rathgar, as soon as possible, their acceptance or otherwise.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

INTERPROVINCIAL MATCH.

	Pts.		Pts.
Leinster	25	Ulster	12

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

Scotland	10	New South Wales	8

LEINSTER SENIOR MATCHES.

Palmerston	5	Wanderers	3
Bective Rangers	13	Blackrock College	0
Old Wesley	19	Monkstown	0

DUDLEY CUP FINAL.

Univ. College, Cork	0	Univ. College, Dublin	0

SCHOOLS MATCH.

Campbell Coll. Belfast	15	Castleknock College	3

LEINSTER JUNIOR MATCHES.

Bective Rangers 2nd	9	Blackrock College 2nd	5
R.S.P.U.	5	Civil Service	0
Dublin Univ. 2nd	23	Clontarf 2nd	0
Wanderers 2nd	8	Balbriggan	8
Imperial Tobacco Co.	11	C.Y.M.S.	9
Old Wesley 2nd	26	Monkstown 2nd	0
Imperial Tobacco 3rd	19	R.S.P.U. 3rd	0
Belvedere Coll. J.C.T.	14	C.U.S. J.C.T.	3
Palmerston 3rd	6	Y.M.C.A.	3
Masonic School S.C.T.	6	High School S.C.T.	0
Civil Service 2nd	3	R.S.P.U. 2nd	0
Blackrock College 3rd	11	Bective Rangers 3rd	8
Dublin Univ. 3rd	16	Clontarf 3rd	6

ULSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Civil Service	14	Armagh	3
Larne	6	Ballymena	5

ULSTER MINOR LEAGUE.

Queen's Univ 3rd	42	Civil Service 2nd	0
Y.M.C.A. 2nd	17	Portadown 2nd	0
Ballymena 2nd	17	Knock 3rd	0

CROSS-CHANNEL MATCHES.

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL MATCH.

England	19	The Rest	18

RUGBY UNION—CLUB MATCHES.

Bridgend	7	Pontypool	6
Cross Keys	14	Pontypridd	6
Devonport Services	16	Aberavon	19
Lydney	0	Gloucester	3
Llanelly	8	Neath	3

The majority of the cross-Channel matches had to be declared off owing to frost or snow.

GREYHOUND SALE IN LONDON.

GOOD PRICES REALISED.

Some good prices were realised at Aldridge's Repository in London on Saturday last, when greyhound saplings, puppies, running dogs, brood bitches and whelps were offered. Mr. Bourne purchased Polisher, a fawn dog by Beaded Bob out of Veteran Actress, for 145 guineas, and Mr. J. Allen's brindled dog, Earl Wheatley, by Beaded Bob, out of Melksham Nell, was sold to Mr. Cash for 125 guineas. Another big price recorded was the 100 guineas which was paid by Lady Courtauld for Mr. T. G. Curtis's first season bitch, Newville China, by Brigade Major out of Newville Cherry. Mr. C. J. Darrell's black dog, Man o' War, one of the fastest greyhounds in the country, and winner of the King of Spain's Cup at the White City, failed to reach his reserve, but the majority of those offered were sold between prices ranging from 12 guineas to 50.

HUNTING. For reports from the various packs and List of Appointments, read the *Irish Field*. Published every Saturday, price 2d. On sale at all Newsagents.—(Advt.)

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MIDDLE LEAGUE—A.

Avoca	3	Civil Service	1
Railway Union 2nd	1	Portrane	1

MIDDLE LEAGUE—B.

Pembroke Wand. 2nd	1	Dalkey 2nd	1
Wicklow	3	Three R. Rovers 2nd	1
Civil Service 2nd	1	Fairview C.Y.M.S.	0

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.

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	Goals.		Goals.
Old College	3	Antiquity	0
Alexandra College	4	National Bank	5
Muckross 2nd	1	Civil Service	0
Monkstown	1	High School	0
Triginta	5	Old Wesley	3
Optimists A	9	Trefoil	0
Pembroke Wanderers	10	Optimists B	4

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

High School 2nd	1	Dublin Univ. 2nd	1
Grangegorman	0	U.C.D.	0
Newcomes	2	Monkstown 2nd	2
National Bank 2nd	4	Trefoil 2nd	0
Nutgrove	4	Rutland H.S.	2
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MIDDLE LEAGUE.

Annadale	5	Nutgrove 2nd	0
Maids of the M'tain 3rd	2	Balbriggan	1
Civil Service 3rd	2	Loretto	2
Monkstown 3rd	2	Old College 3rd	2
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R. and S.P.U.	2	Trefoil 3rd	0
Old Wesley 2nd	3	Criterion 2nd	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Loretto 2nd	4	Civil Service 4th	0
Grangegorman 3rd	2	Imperial Wilmount	0
St. George's	2	Optimists 3rd	4
Girl Guides	7	National Bank 3rd	0

MINOR LEAGUE.

Annadale 2nd	4	National Bank 4th	0
Civil Service 5th	0	Muckross 5th	0
Loretto 3rd	w.o.	Criterion 3rd	scr.
Imp. Wilmount 2nd	5	Grangegorman 4th	0
Imp. Anbers 2nd	6	Triginta 4th	0

ULSTER LEAGUES AND CUPS.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Cliftonville	1	South Antrim	1
North Down	4	Holywood	3
Antrim	0	Lisnagarvey	0
Banbridge	4	East Antrim	1

ULSTER INTERMEDIATE CUP—THIRD ROUND REPLAY.

C.P.A.	3	Holywood 2nd	1

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

Belmont	2	Queen's University	2
Banbridge 2nd	3	East Antrim 2nd	1
Antrim 2nd	1	Lisnagarvey 2nd	0
Cliftonville 2nd	2	South Antrim 2nd	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Wheatfield	3	Wanderers	2
R.A.F.	1	Civil Service	1
Saintfield	2	Albert Foundry	2
Doagh	0	Ballyclare	0
North Down 3rd	4	Banbridge Technical	1
East Antrim 3rd	2	Lisnagarvey 3rd	0
Ards 2nd	3	South Antrim 3rd	1
Killyleagh 2nd	2	Y.M.C.A. 2nd	0
Kinedar	3	Bangor	2
C.P.A. 2nd	2	Queen's 2nd	0
Knock 2nd	3	Willowfield	0

GAELIC GAMES.

FROST-BOUND GROUNDS.

CLEVER JUNIOR HURLING.

(BY PAT'O.)

Officially there is no close season in Gaelic games, yet December and early January have few important fixtures. Punctual counties have finished their competitions, championships are complete, and the mid-winter season has no serious matches. Around Christmas local friendly matches are still popular in rural Ireland. A generation ago, Christmas Day was a day set apart for parish-to-parish matches. Hurleys were kept beneath the thatch from year's end to year's end in anticipation of an annual gathering of the clans at Yuletide. In these days of organised competition Christmas is a restful season. Many prominent members of Dublin clubs pass their brief holiday in the country, and serious matches are impossible.

Bitterly cold weather, frost-bound pitches and threatened snow, led to some postponements yesterday. At Parnell Park a benefit tournament was arranged. O'Tooles and Parnells arrived punctually, but a snow shower at the opening hour decided the promoting Committee in seeking a postponement.

Parnell Park is undergoing reconstruction. It is a good pitch, convenient to 'bus and tram services from the city, and has up-to-date dressing facilities. The railing surrounding the playing pitch is being renovated for the 1928 season. Messrs. McEvoy and Connolly are perfecting the arrangements, a gold medal tournament promises good competition, and the venue deserves some first-class fixtures henceforward.

At Croke Park, the junior football game was unfinished, but spectators were compensated by a first-class hurling match between Owen Rhuas and Fontenoys. Owen Rhuas are a product the the Schools' Leagues. They were far ahead of all opposition on the League table, but Fontenoys recent improvement promised a close game yesterday. The Ringsend boys had shown good form against Civil Service a fortnight ago, and hoped to hold Owen Rhuas yesterday. The League leaders were at full strength. They are a well-balanced, fast fifteen, and are particularly accurate in front of goal. It was their superiority in front which won them yesterday's game. Fontenoys had a strong midfield and good wings, but were no match for Owen Rhuas when it come to netting the ball. Owens position in the "under 21" League is now unassailable. Result:—

Owen Rhuas—5 goals.
Fontenoys—2 points.

At Cabra, on Saturday, Civil Service met St. Kevins' hurlers in the Saturday League. Kevins were without some of their best players, and Service dominated the opening, Hickey, Cronin and Kenny setting up a good lead at half-time. Kevins' hurled better in the second half. McHenry, Delaney and Kennedy led up to effective attacks. Walsh was a sound defender, but Kavanagh (2) and McHenry (1) brought three goals to Kevins, making the issue interesting. Cronin had an overhead point for Civil Service, who won comfortably at the end.

I learn that University College are putting up a set of medals for a junior Saturday competition. With U.C.D., Civil Service, Fontenoys, Owen Rhuas, Crokes and Kevins in opposition, good hurling will result.

Civil Service—4 goals 3 points.
Kevins—3 goals.
Referee—Mr. J. Hehir.

HEAVY SCORING BY LEIX.

LIMERICK WELL BEATEN.

On a frost-bound, snow-patched pitch, Leix and Limerick played in the National Hurling League at Portlaoighise yesterday. Intense cold prevailed, and only a few score spectators endured a bitter South-Easterly wind to see the home side win a well-played match. Leix held the visitors for the first fifteen minutes, and, after three wides, Cushion passed to McEvoy, who scored a goal. Then P. Kelly, with a long drive, scored a point for the home team. Limerick cleared a Leix attack, and, Leix being penalised, Hartigan scored a point, but Fitzpatrick scored a goal for Leix, which was followed by a point for Limerick by Conway. At half-time the score stood—Leix 2 goals 1 point, Limerick 2 points.

In the second half a free to Leix in Limerick ground was taken by P. Drennan, and he shot a grand point. Leix scored a goal through Cushion, and Conway finished a Limerick attack with a goal. Limerick rushed another goal, and forced two "seventies" in quick succession. Limerick made a strenuous and well-sustained effort to equalise, but P. Kelly cleared, and Leix quickly attacked, Murphy scoring a goal. Leix had the better of the remaining play, during which McEvoy added a goal. Final score:—

	Goals.	Points.
Leix	5	2
Limerick	2	2

EASY WIN FOR CORK.

GALWAY OUTPLAYED.

By six goals to one goal one point Cork defeated Galway at Galway yesterday in the National Hurling League. The weather was extremely cold, and parts of the pitch were covered with frozen snow. Galway's display was weak and disappointing to their followers, while Cork played a skilful game. Their hitting was fast and accurate, and they displayed great judgment in combination work. Some of Galway's players distinguished themselves individually, and there were numerous long shots, but as a team their level was not up to standard.

Within a minute of starting Cork had scored a goal per R. Walsh, Galway replying almost immediately with a point by King. M'Carthy worked up for Cork, and O'Keeffe shot their second goal. Although having a stiff breeze in their favour, Galway missed several chances in the first half, and only scored another goal, Cork in this period adding a third to their score.

As was anticipated, Cork when sides were changed still further increased their lead, but Galway defended stoutly. M. Donegan, who had been at centre for Cork, got a blow of a hurley early in the second half and had to leave the field for treatment, his place being taken by J. M'Carthy.

Harney and Deeriveen and P. Roche (goal) were outstanding Galway players, and O'Halloran, D. M'Carthy, D. O'Keeffe and Sean Oge Murphy were prominent for what was an all round good Cork team.

Galway failed to score in the second half, Cork netting three further goals.

BILLIARDS.

DAVIS DEFEATS NEWMAN.

Davis beat Newman in their 16,000 match, in which Davis received 2,000, at Thurston's Hall, London, on Saturday night, by 525 points. In the afternoon Newman scored breaks of 313 and 350, his average being 124. Davis, who averaged 97, had breaks of 378, 70, and 63 (unfinished). Interval scores—Davis (rec. 2,000) (in play), 15,418; Newman, 15,207.

Davis at night at breaks of 192 (full), 99, 107, and 145 (unfinished), while Newman only once reached three figures—that innings was 106. Result:—Davis (rec. 2,000), 16,000; Newman, 15,474.

LACROSSE.

THE PIONEER CLUB.

The following will play in the match, "Bonzos" v. "Dismal Desmonds," to be played at Trinity Hall, at 3 p.m., to-day:—

"Bonzos" (Blue Girdles)—Misses N. Chatterton, D. Dames, D. Thompson, D. Griffith, M. Leonard, A. Robinson, H. Griffith, V. Hicks, A. Cairnes, N. Lumsden, N. Batchen, H. Lombard.

"Dismal Desmonds" (Red Girdles)—Misses J. Rogers, M. Campbell, D. Strain, G. Robinson, R. Law, B. Eustace, M. Griffith, M. Tweedy, A. Dames, P. Armstrong, N. Stoker, O. Scott.

ASSOCIATION.

"SOCCER" CLUBS AND INCOME TAX.

DR. LORCAN SHERLOCK ON THE POSITION.

Dr. Lorcan Sherlock, President of the Bohemian Football Club, had something interesting to say in reference to the taxation of "Soccer" clubs at the dinner which was held in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last Saturday night to celebrate the success of the club in the Free State League championship.

Proposing the toast of the winning team, he told his hearers that not only the Gaelic games were exempt from taxation; the sport of coursing was also receiving preferential treatment. Soccer football was playing, he said, a big part in the moulding of the character of many thousands of the young men of the country. Shrewd judges knew that, if they wanted the people, the men of the future, to carry on the fight in any country, the first essential is that the people must have character. There was nothing better calculated to develop that character in the right strain than football of all kinds.

THE SCOTTISH LEVEL.

They wanted the Irish people to be educated with regard to football to the level of the Scottish crowd, which went on to the field with the one desire of seeing the better team win. That was the spirit in which they wanted to see spectators conduct themselves on the football fields of Ireland, and that was the spirit which the Bohemians were striving to cultivate.

Why should Association football be taxed by the Government while other branches of field sports were not being asked to pay such taxes? Clubs like the Bohemians said, and they said it without reserve, and offered no apology for doing so, that if their Parliament did not extract taxation from one avenue of sport, in the very essence of fair play that Parliament must give similar consideration to all field sports. The Committee of the Bohemian Club not only said that; at the moment they were making arrangements to get the Minister of Finance to receive an influential deputation of representative men for the purpose of putting before him so clearly the case for the clubs that it would be difficult for him to ignore their application for fair play.

The speaker paid a tribute to the Bohemian Club for the manner in which they had maintained the highest traditions of amateur football. At times during the last thirty years they had had better teams than the one which had won the League, better sides individually; but they never had one which worked so well together, and it was that team work which had won for the club the championship. Alluding to the manner in which the club was managed by the Committee, he said that if the average business establishment in this country was controlled with the same care as was Bohemians there would be no business concern in the country that would not be successful and paying substantial dividends.

FOOTBALL DEMAGOGUES.

Nor was there any selfish spirit among the players. The whole team had played with real loyalty to the club, and had played the game as Bohemians had always played it. He would rather, and they would all rather, that their players had obtained such a reputation for playing a decent, clean sporting game, even though they might lose, than that they should win, but lose that reputation. Passing to other matters, Dr. Sherlock said that they were determined that the Free State Football Association shall be governed upon reputable lines; they were determined that no members of any club should be subjected to penalties, expressed or unexpressed, because they belonged to clubs which did not see eye to eye with the demagogues that, for the moment, controlled their destinies. They did not fear the fight if it was forced on them.

Mr. James Doyle, speaking to the toast, said that the Bohemians had always been the upholders of amateurism in Ireland. They played the game, the clean game, and there was nothing mercenary in their football.

Captain Cannon replied on behalf of the team.

Mr. Alfred Byrne, T.D., replying to "The Visitors," assured the club that the question of the taxation of Association football clubs would be brought to the notice of the Minister of Finance, who, when he had heard Dr. Sherlock, would find it impossible to refute his arguments for the removal of the tax.

Musical items were rendered by Messrs. William Keegan, Captain O'Carroll, T. Burke, Chris. Bruton, James Birmingham, J. O'Sullivan, M. Hopper, A. Kelly, E. Tucker and M. Molloy.

A PENALTY GOAL.

CHAMPIONS BEATEN AT HOME.

After leading by three clear goals at the interval, Shelbourne were lucky to win their return Free State League game with Bohemians at Dalymount Park last Saturday by the odd goal of five. So strongly did Bohemians finish that they almost ran the visitors out of it.

The football was very attractive and full of interest right up to the finish. To a great extent Shelbourne had the luck, two of their goals being more or less fluky, but on the run of the play in the first period they were full value for the score. They played very good football, the forwards working in unison, and being well supported by their half-backs. Near goal, however, the inside players finished badly, depending on rushing tactics. The Bohemians' backs usually held their own, but their kicking lacked length. Through the field Shelbourne exhibited more constructive ability, the home forwards failing to dovetail, the inside players being prone to miss their passes.

McMahon and McIlroy, at half-back, did well, and while they frequently held the Ringsend forwards, they made good openings for their own. The failure of the Bohemian left wing to respond to the efforts of McMahon spoiled many good chances, and were it not for the cleverness of C. Robinson, at inside left, the effectiveness of the line would have been seriously impaired.

The second period was very fast, and after twelve minutes, when Dennis reduced Shelbourne's lead, Bohemians opened out the game and set a fast pace. As in the opening stage, White often missed several easy chances. Shelbourne, though hard pressed, held on well, and on several occasions made dangerous raids, McIlvenny twice almost getting through. Dennis and Bermingham kept the backs busy, and when the former, taking a pass from his wing partner, worked through to score again, it looked odds on a Bohemian victory. The Shelbourne defence held out, however.

A SCORELESS DRAW AT MILLTOWN.

ROVERS' NEW FORWARD.

At Milltown yesterday a small attendance of spectators had little to enthuse about. A late start reduced the playing period to seventy minutes. The game ended in a scoreless draw, and this was a fair reflex of how the game went.

The forwards of both teams played listlessly, and were never allowed to settle down by robust defences. Some constructive work was supplied by the defenders, but the finer points of play were rarely developed.

Shamrock Rovers introduced a new centre-forward, Ellison, who previously assisted Cardiff City. He passed the ball cleverly and accurately, but lacked the alertness required in his position.

Favoured by the wind in the first half, Shamrock Rovers were almost continually attacking, and Gamblin, in the Brideville's goal, got plenty of work, but he was seldom seriously troubled. Occasional bursts by Brideville's forwards brought danger to Rovers' goal. Brookes and Watters were the chief raiders, but an injury to the former reduced Brideville's effectiveness.

Towards the close of the first half Gamblin was lucky when a shot from O'Brien, and another from Campbell, ended in the ball going the wrong side.

For a short period in the second half the game brightened considerably, both sides attacking in turn, but weak shooting and energetic defensive work saved both goals. O'Reilly, in the Rovers' goal was conspicuous with two good saves from Brookes and Fox.

Kirkland was hurt in a Brideville advance, and from this on Rovers were forced to defend with all their available forces. In the closing stages the opposing half-backs dominated the game.

For Rovers, O'Reilly, Maguire, Kirkland, Leonard and Marlowe distinguished themselves. Gamblin, Lennox, Birmingham, Coyne and Keegan were towers of strength for Brideville.

ANOTHER PLAYER ORDERED OFF THE FIELD.

DUNDALK LOSE POINTS AT DOLPHIN'S BARN.

St. James's Gate beat Dundalk at James's Park, Dolphin's Barn, yesterday, by 2-1, their victory being due to a fine exhibition of football by the half-backs, Behan, Heaney, and McKay. Had the forwards availed of the many openings made for them the score would have been much larger.

Neither team was at full strength, but St. James's Gate were at the greatest disadvantage, as Dowling and Hackett, who replaced Booth and Jordan in the forward line, gave a poor display.

Owing to a late start it was decided to play forty minutes each way. At the outset it looked as if Dundalk would overrun the home side, whose forwards never once got moving effectively. The St. James's Gate defence, however, worked tirelessly, and succeeded in keeping the fast Dundalk quintette, of whom Toman, on the left wing, was always prominent under subjection, until nearing the interval, when Murphy, in endeavouring to head the ball clear, turned it into his own goal, the ball bouncing off the arm of the surprised Coleman into the net. St. James's Gate then took up the offensive, and in a determined raid, Dowling, their centre forward, scored.

The play was brisker in the second half, and the home forwards played more convincingly, but McDermott and Barrett, in the Dundalk rear division, were too clever. Heaney, in clearing, sent the ball along the wing to Ennis, who centred and Farrell, trapping it, sent in a low, swift shot, which completely deceived Bradley. St. James's Gate continued to press, and little more steadiness among the forwards would have resulted in many goals. Twice in succession McDermott impeded Ennis, the home left wing, and Murray, inside left, and for the latter offence the Dundalk right full-back was sent to the pavilion. Towards the end the visitors' forwards worked strenuously, but the defence held out.

ONE POINT FOR BRAY UNKNOWNS.

JACOBS' STURDY DEFENCE.

Neither team succeeded in scoring in the match between Jacobs and Bray Unknowns at Woodbrook, Bray, yesterday, but, to judge from the number of shots high and wide, it looked as if the home team could have done much better.

Rogers made a fine run from midfield, but sent the ball wide. Leonard then had the Jacobs forwards sending in shot after shot to him, and Sloan had hard luck in twice shooting wide.

With the advantage of the wind, Jacobs missed many opportunities, while Leonard had no difficulty in clearing the shots fired at him. Just before half-time Rogers looked like scoring from about 15 yards' range, but shot over.

After resuming, Rogers showed capital form, attacking again and again. Cunningham seemed to be rather off form, and took things easily. McFarland, a really fine back, played splendidly. He seemed to anticipate every move. Sloan was the life of the forwards, his speed being a strong feature. The home team kept up a strong attack until full time, but fumbling among the forwards and the resolute defence of the visitors prevented a score. The game resulted in a scoreless draw. For the visitors, Smith and Kelly played a fine game, and Nibbs played excellent football.

FORDSONS' UNBEATEN HOME RECORD.

HEINEMANN SCORES FOUR GOALS.

Fordsons retained their unbeaten home record last Saturday, when they defeated Athlone Town by five goals clear, four of which were gained by Heinemann bringing his total number of goals scored in League games this season to 25.

From start to finish the game was all in favour of the local side, who for the main part kept the visitors confined to their own territory. McVeigh scored the winners' fifth goal.

MULLINGAR FORWARDS IN FORM

University College fielded a weak team at Terenure last Saturday, and were defeated by last year's Junior Cup winners, Mullingar, by 4-1.

Mullingar's success was principally brought about by their forwards, led by the former Athlone full-back, Hope. They swung the ball about in a manner that was most disconcerting to the College backs, who all through were outplayed.

Mullingar have got together a team that must be reckoned with in the future.

The game opened quietly, the students being the aggressors. From a corner O'Brien took the kick, which Byrne headed into the net, well out of Treacy's reach. After this the College virtually faded out of the picture. Mullingar attacked time and again, and Hope equalised. This score was shortly followed by another from McGuirk. During one of the College's attacks Kennedy centred well, but Friel missed an easy chance.

In the second half the visitors were seen at their best. The full backs kicked and tackled resolutely, and the half-backs fed the forwards well. The brothers Andrews, in the College half-back line, and Finnegan, at left full back, worked tirelessly; but the combination of the Mullingar forwards won the day, and they went further ahead, Devereux, the outside right, scoring two fine goals. From this to the end the visitors dominated the game.

THE IRISH LEAGUE.

Celtic and Linfield, who are close together at the top of the Irish League table, were successful last Saturday, though the leaders, even at home, had to fight hard to take the points from Coleraine, who were responsible for the only defeat Celtic have sustained this season. The Belfast team were still without Curran, and won by the odd goal in three. Linfield, visiting Cliftonville, were a goal behind at the interval, but rallied in the second half and scored three times. Larne, who are third in the table, were beaten by Bangor, and are practically eight points behind the leaders.

CUPHOLDERS' EASY WIN.

At Tolka Park the Cupholders defeated B.S.U. by three goals to one. It was a very indifferent display on the part of B.S.U., whose forwards lacked combination and finish.

They were outplayed in the opening stages, the Drumcondra forwards keeping the B.S.U. backs on the move. They were often beaten for possession, however, and had the Drumcondra forwards finished with more confidence, the score at the interval would have been larger.

An injury to Roche early on handicapped the B.S.U. forwards, who did not settle down until the closing half, and then they failed to make up the leeway.

The opening play was even, but the Cupholders got to work quickly, and after a quarter of an hour McCarney, taking a pass from the left, beat McCormack. Woods missed a couple of chances of equalising, and Drumcondra again gained the advantage. McCarney got through from Swann's pass to add the second, and before the interval McCormack was again beaten for Drumcondra's third goal. The B.S.U. did much better in the closing half, but the home backs held out. About half-way through Keogh gave a penalty, and Wallace scored, but though they had opportunities, B.S.U. failed.

THE RESULTS.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Shelbourne	3	Bohemians	2
Fordsons	5	Athlone	0
Brideville	0	Shamrock Rovers	0
St. James's Gate	2	Dundalk	1

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE—I.

Edenville	1	Richmond Rovers	0
Shamrock Rovers B	4	Vickers	0
Drumcondra	3	B.S.U.	1
Mullingar	4	University College	1
St. Mary's	5	Bendigo	4
Shelbourne B	3	Glasnevin	0

IRISH LEAGUE.

Celtic	2	Coleraine	1
Queen's Island	3	Ards	0
Bangor	4	Larne	3
Barn	3	Glentoran	2
Portadown	1	Glenavon	1
Linfield	3	Cliftonville	1
Distillery	1	Newry	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—I.

Birmingham	1	West Ham United	2
Blackburn Rovers	1	Sheffield United	0
Bolton Wanderers	3	Aston Villa	1
Cardiff City	0	Bury	1
Everton	4	Burnley	1
Huddersfield	3	Leicester City	1
Manchester United	4	Arsenal	1
Middlesbrough	3	Derby County	3
Newcastle United	1	Portsmouth	3
Sheffield Wednesday	0	Sunderland	0
Tottenham Hotspur	3	Liverpool	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—II.

Blackpool	1	Barnsley	3
Bristol City	1	Leeds United	2
Chelsea	2	Wolverhampton. W.	0
Clapton Orient	0	Port Vale	0
Grimsby Town	1	Swansea Town	2
Notts County	1	Hull City	1
Oldham Athletic	1	Preston North End	0
Reading	2	Fulham	1
Southampton	1	Manchester City	1
Stoke City	1	Notts Forest	3
West Brom. Albion	3	South Shields	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (SOUTH).

Brentford	1	Charlton Athletic	1
Bournemouth	1	Watford	0
Brighton and Hove	1	Queen's Park Rangers	3
Crystal Palace	2	Merthyr Town	0
Exeter City	3	Walsall	0
Luton Town	2	Bristol Rovers	0
Millwall	2	Plymouth Argyle	0
Northampton Town	1	Newport County	1
Norwich City	0	Coventry City	2
Torquay United	1	Gillingham	1
Southend United v. Swindon off.			

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (NORTH).

Barrow	6	Wigan Borough	2
Bradford	3	Lincoln City	0
Chesterfield	2	New Brighton	3
Durham City	1	Halifax Town	1
Nelson	0	Doncaster Rovers	1
Rochdale	4	Darlington	1
Rotherham United	1	Ashington	1
Southport	3	Crewe Alexandra	2
Stockport County	1	Accrington Stanley	3
Tranmere Rovers	1	Hartlepools United	2
Wrexham	1	Bradford City	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—I.

Celtic	0	Motherwell	0
Aberdeen	2	Partick Thistle	0
Dundee	1	Queen's Park	3
Dunfermline Athletic	0	Hibernians	2
Hamilton	3	Falkirk	0
Hearts	2	Cowdenbeath	3
Kilmarnock	1	Rangers	1
Raith Rovers	2	Clyde	0
St. Johnstone	6	Airdrieonians	1
St. Mirren	5	Bo'ness	0

CROQUET.

TEST MATCHES.

MELBOURNE, December 18.

The croquet matches which took place on Friday were the singles in the first international croquet test match. In the doubles yesterday Mr. Windsor and Mr. McCleery (Australia) defeated Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss and Mr. Windsor-Richards (England), the score being 7-26, 6-18, 26-5.

Miss Steel and Colonel Sir W. Du Pre (England) beat Mr. and Mrs. Miller (Australia)—0-26, 26-0, 26-9.

AN OLD-ESTABLISHED HOUSE.

Facing Dublin Castle, at 77 and 78 Dame street, is the well-known sporting outfitting establishment of L. J. Watkins. Founded in 1819 it began its operations in glove-making and leather breeches-making on Essex quay. The growing demand for its output soon forced it to seek more commodious premises at 77 Dame street, and not long since its present proprietor, Mr. G. E. Cope, a direct descendant of the original founder, was obliged to acquire extra accommodation in the adjoining premises, where home products still are prominent, principally in connection with sporting requirements, amongst which may be mentioned the latest patent "Dozi" hunting shirt, which is a reproduction of the old Guernsey type as worn by huntingmen over a hundred years ago.

NORTHERN UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE.

There was an increase of 1,186 in the number of persons unemployed in Northern Ireland last week, due chiefly to unemployment among shipyard workers and to persons engaged on a basis of short time being out of employment. The total number of unemployed on December 12 was 27,896, of whom 21,241 were men, 514 boys, 5,779 women and 362 girls.

56 YEARS IN ASYLUM.

A Donegal Mental Hospital patient named Doherty, of the Malin district, who died recently, was an inmate for fifty-six years and seventy-five days.

This was probably a "record," it was stated at a meeting of the Committee yesterday. Another patient who died in 1922 was in the institution for fifty-six years.

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U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED FIRM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Stocks opened strong. The continued accumulation in Coppers on rumours of new consolidations and discoveries of valuable ore bodies, and the revival of enormous buying of Oils on the advance in Pennsylvania crude oil, which, it is believed, foreshadows higher prices for other grades, were outstanding features. Good earnings and dividend prospects and a belief that the early months of 1928 will witness a substantial revival in general business stimulated a demand for other shares, with issues benefiting from the Christmas trade, particularly those of the Chain Stores and mail order descriptions. Greene Cananea Copper advanced 6 points, but some week-end profit-taking affected U.S. Steel, General Motors, Wright Aeronautical and Radio Corporation shares. However, the market closed firm. Government Bonds steady; Railroad Bond steady. The day's sales totalled 1,602,000 shares.

Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. lower at 58¼.

	Sat.	Fri.
Call Money	Nom.	4a. 4¼a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.83¾	4.83¾
Do do Demand Bills	4.87⅝	4.87⅝
Cable Transfers	4.88 3/32	4.88[illegible]
Do. Montreal	4.88¾	4.88 9/16
Exchange Paris cable	3.93⅝	3.93⅝

Eng. Parity.	STOCKS.	Sat.	Fri.
198 15/16	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	194¼	193½
108 15/16	Do. Pref.	106¼	106¼
120⅞	Baltimore and Ohio	118	118¼
220 5/16	Canadian Pacific	215⅛	216½
18 7/16	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	18	18
89 1/16	Chicago and North West	87	87¼
62¾	Erie Shares	61¼	62
63½	Erie 1st Preferred	62	62¼
137¼	Illinois Central	134	135
155 15/16	Louisville and Nashville	152¼	152
42¾	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	41¾	42
53	Missouri Pacific New	51¾	52⅛
168⅛	New York C'tral & Hudson R.	164⅛	163¾
197 7/16	Norfolk and West Com.	192¾	192
101⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	99	99
66 5/16	Pennsylvania Shares	64¾	64¾
107 1/16	Reading Shares	104½	105
43⅝	Do. Pref.	42⅝	42⅝
126½	Southern Pacific	123½	124
149 5/16	Southern Railway	145¾	146
198 5/16	Union Pacific	193⅝	194
86	Do. Pref.	84	84
75¾	American Can. (New Stock)	74	72¾
180⅝	American Smelt. and Refining	176⅝	176¼
58¼	Anaconda Copper	56⅞	55¾
—	Anglo-American Oil	—	
60 11/16	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	59¼	58⅞
	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	—	25⅞
120⅞	New York Consolidated Gas	118	119
134 15/16	General Electric (New Stock)	131¾	132¾
136⅝	General Motors (New)	133⅝	132⅝
4⅜	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	4¼	4⅛
41 1/16	Do. Pref. Certs.	40⅛	40⅛
37⅛	International Pet. of Canada	36¼	36⅛
131⅛	National Lead	128	128†
45 1/16	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	44	44¼
43½	Shell Transport and Trading	42½	42½
26¼	Shell Union Oil Corp.	25⅝	25½
57⅞	U.S. Rubber	56½	56⅝
152	United States Steel Common	148⅝	148⅝
141⅝	Do. Pref.	138	138½
—	Silver Commercial Bars	58¼	58⅜
	BONDS.		
100¼	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	97⅞	97⅞
87 1/16	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	85	85
	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	—	98½
111⅜	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bonds	108¾	108¾
120¼	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	117⅜	117⅜
108 15/16	Do. Do. 1937	106⅜	106¼
108 15/16	7 per cent. German Loan	106⅝	106⅝
110⅛	U.S. Treas. 3¾ p.c. Bds., 46-56	107 15/32	107 7/16

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	STOCKS AND SHARES.	Closing Prices. Sat.	Fri.
143	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	139¾	139
33¾	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	33	33⅛
96 5/16	Do. Pref.	94	94½
227	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	221⅞	221⅝
1 9/16	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	1⅛	1
30 11/16	Do. 1st Preference Series B	30	30
3 13/16	Do 2nd Preference	3¾	3¾
56	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd	54¾	53½
253 11/16	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	247	247
143¼	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	140	140
38¾	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	37⅞	38¼
35 15/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd	35	35
94⅛	Do New 6 p.c.	92	92½
269 1/16	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	263	261
130 15/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	128	128
17½	Hollinger Gold Mining Shares	17⅛	17
114 5/16	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	112	111
91 5/16	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	89¾	89¼
105⅞	National Breweries, Ltd.	103½	104½
80 15/16	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	79	79
89¾	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New)	87¾	87
141 11/16	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd.	138½	138
153 7/16	Do. Pref.	150	150⅛
182⅛	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	178	179½
84⅝	Quebec Power Co. New Stock	82¾	83½
114 7/16	Wayagamack	111⅞	111⅞
101	Winnipeg Electric	98¾	98

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots firm, ⅜c. to 1⅛c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	135⅝	135¼
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot	162	160⅝
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	143⅛	142¾
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	147⅛	146¾

Sales for export—25 boatloads.

RYE steady, ⅛c. down. No. 2, spot, 122¼.

Sales for export—Nil.

BARLEY steady and unchanged. American malting, spot, 101.

MAIZE easy, 1¼c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	99	100¼

Sales for export—Nil.

LARD steady, 5 points down. Prime Western steam, 12.10; Middle West, 11.85 to 11.95.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears (100 per cent.), 6.50 to 6.75.

Sales for export—Nil.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain (per quarter), 1/9 to 2/3.

Heavy grain to the Continent (per 100 lbs.), 8c. to 10c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 40c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 55c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	17.15	17.15
Standard White in barrels	13.75	13.75
Do. Philadelphia	13.75	13.75
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	38-38-9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.35-2.80	2.25-2.75

RUBBER firm. First latex crepe, spot, 40¾ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 40¼ buyers, 40½ sellers.

COFFEE—

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
To-day	13.30	13.18	13.24	13.19	13.14	13.08
	December, 1928—12.87					
Prev. day	13.20	13.08	13.11	13.07	13.04	12.97

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban, spot, firm and unchanged; 96 test Centrifugal Cuban, 4.61. Futures barely steady and unchanged to 2 points down. Approximate day's sales—17,000 tons.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July	Sept.
To-day	2.81	2.83	2.86	2.93	3.01	3.09
	December, 1928—3.15					
Prev. day	2.81	2.85	2.86	2.93	3.02	3.10

Sales—24,000 bags of Cuban at 4.65 and 21,000 bags of Philippines at 4.65 for prompt shipment.

TALLOW steady. Spot, extra loose, 8½.

SHELLAC—T.N., spot, 55½.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 57; Savannah, spot, 51½.

METALS—Straits Tin steady. Spot unchanged. January 12½ points lower. Spot and near by New York, 58.50. Future option—January, 58.37½. Lead steady. Spot New York, 6.50; East St. Louis, 6.31. Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot East St. Louis, 5.70. Pig Iron steady. Northern No. 2 plain, f.o.b. Furnace, Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.00; f.o.b. Buffalo (delivery Boston), 21.41 by rail and 19.50 by water.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged, and closed steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. up. Opening options—December, 130½; May, 134⅞; July, 134⅞. Closing options—December, 130½; May, 135½; July, 134⅞. Rye steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Closing options—December, 104½; May, 107⅞. Oats steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. rise. Closing options—December, 62½; May, 64⅞. Barley steady, unchanged, to ⅛c. up. Closing options—December, 82½; May, 85½. Flaxseed easy, ⅞c. to 1⅛c. down. Closing options—December, 179½; May, 187½.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	7	4
No. 2 Northern	53	50
No. 3 Northern	231	324
No. 4 Northern	167	125
Other grades	827	726
Total	1,285	1,229

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady. Disappointing Liverpool advices, together with Southern selling and week-end liquidation, brought early recessions; but the offerings were quickly absorbed, and the market rallied on better dry goods reports. Trade buying, which was credited for Continental account, and covering of shorts, assisted the recovery, and the closing was steady, 4 points up to 1 point down. Spot steady at 5 points gain.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 19.45.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 19.10.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 3,000 bales; Gulf, 17,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 3,000.

Exports—Great Britain, 4,000 bales; France and Continent, 21,000; Japan and China, 4,000.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

WHEAT opened steady, ⅛c. up to unchanged. After some recessions, due to a bearish official Argentine estimate and the poor export demand, the market rallied on predictions of severe cold in the winter wheat belt, also owing to the firmness at Buenos Aires and strength of North-West markets. The closing was steady, ⅜c. to ⅛c. dearer. Spot nominal.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	—	—

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	125⅞	128¾	130¼
Prev. day	125⅛	128⅛	129⅝
Futures—Closing options—	**Dec.**	**Mar.**	**May.**
To-day	126⅝	128⅞	130⅝
Prev. day	125¾	128⅝	130¼

MAIZE commenced steady, ⅛c. lower to ⅛c. higher. The market finished easy, 1⅛c. to ⅝c. down.

Spot, No. 2 mixed Western, unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	86⅛	90⅜	93⅞
Prev. day	86¼	91⅛	94⅝
Futures—Closing options—	**Dec.**	**Mar.**	**May**
To-day	85	89⅝	92⅞
Prev. day	86⅛	90½	93¾

OATS barely steady, with values ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	52¼	54¾	56⅜
Prev. day	52⅝	55	56⅝

RYE steady and unchanged to ⅛c. down. No. 2, spot, unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
To-day	107½	108⅞	109⅛
Prev. day	107½	109	109⅜

PROVISIONS—Lard opened steady. The steadiness of hogs and a better cash demand sustained values at first; then predictions of increased hog receipts promoted declines. The market closed barely steady, with futures 2½ to 10 and spot 2½ points down. Ribs were depressed by the disappointing cash demand and December liquidation, and closed weak, with current month 80 and later positions 2½ to 10 points lower. Lard, prime Western steam, spot, 11.37½.

Lard—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	11.37½	11.90	12.25
Prev. day	11.40	11.97½	12.35
Ribs—Closing options—	**Dec.**	**Jan.**	**May**
To-day	10.20	11.10	11.32½
Prev. day	11.00	11.12½	11.42½

BACON steady. Short ribs (60 lbs. average), 11.00.

HOGS steady. Light descriptions are unaltered and heavy unchanged to 10 points lower. Light weight, 7.65 to 8.30; heavy weight, 8.10 to 8.55.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	35,000	30,000
Chicago	5,000	4,000

The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total 3,901,000, against 3,988,000 for the same season last year.

The week's hog-pack at Chicago totalled 179,000, compared with 194,000 last week, and 129,000 last year.

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Thés Dansants on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Afternoons, 22nd, 23rd and 24th December, from 4 until 6.30 o'clock.

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Mr. Hamilton will give a limited number of Lessons. Appointments can be booked at the cash desk.

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Christmas Eve.—Arthur M. Hamilton and Colette Garland. 8 till 11.30. Tickets, 3/6 each. Evening dress only.

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RATE COLLECTOR'S REMOVAL.

SEALED ORDER FROM MINISTRY.

On Saturday, at the meeting of the Limerick County Council, the Secretary said that he had received a letter from the Ministry for Local Government removing by sealed order Mr. Hugh O'Donnell from his position as rate collector for Dromin and Uregare Collection Districts.

He had, he said, also received a letter from Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, father of Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, asking that he might be appointed collector *pro tem.* in the place of his son.

It was decided to ask the Ministry to sanction the appointment as collector *pro tem.* of Mr. T. O'Donnell, father of Mr. H. O'Donnell.

A sworn inquiry was recently held relative to the condition of the collection in Hugh O'Donnell's districts, and the sealed order is the sequel.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital was held on the second Thursday in December in the Boardroom of the hospital at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. John Good, D.L., in the chair.

Also present:—Dr. T. Gillman Moorhead, Miss M. Angela Boland, Sir William J. Thompson, M.D., Mr. John W. Brittain, Dr. de Burgh Daly, Major Bryan Cooper, Dr. Joseph W. Bigger, Miss Huxley, Sir James Craig, M.D. (assessor), Sir William Taylor (assessor), and the Registrar.

Minutes of the last Board held, together with the minutes of the House and Finance Committee and the General Purposes and Nursing Committee, were read and signed.

Accounts for the month of November, amounting to the sum of £1,053 4s. 1d., were submitted and passed.

Cheques were duly signed in discharge of same. Bank book showed a debit balance of £10,607 10s. 10d.

Receipts for November amounted to £1,503 5s. 1d.

House Surgeon reported that some 1,086 patients were treated in the various dispensaries since last meeting, and that there were 124 patients admitted to the wards; 90 beds were occupied in the hospital on the 30th November.

The following kind gifts were received and acknowledged per the Lady Superintendent:—Dr. T. Henry Wilson, periodicals; Mrs. Fitzgerald, periodicals; "Anonymous," 75 copies of "The Children's Book of Knowledge"; "Anonymous," periodicals; Packing Cases, Ltd., per Mr. Scully, loads of firewood; Miss E. Hall, flowers; Mr. S. Connington, 1 lb. tea; Mrs. McClements, jelly and silver paper; Mr. J. Moran, 2 sacks potatoes; Mr. Edwin Solomons, 5 lbs. tea, 1 st. sugar; Dr. Walter G. Smith, periodicals; Mrs. Wilton, periodicals; cakes from the following: Lady Walker, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. G. A. Newsom; the loan of plants from Messrs. Jameson and Messrs. Watson; Rev. Dr. Osborne, periodicals; Mrs. J. Brittain, flowers; Messrs. Pim Bros., Ltd., the loan of 100 chairs; Miss B. Smith, flowers; tea and groceries, etc., from the following: Mrs. J. Watkins, Miss E. Mooney, Mrs. Corry Sinton, Miss Catley, Nurse Bolster, Miss Tucker, Miss M. Noctor, Mr. Brabazon, Miss Morrison, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. F. B. Peafield, Miss McCrea, Messrs. Winder, Mr. Adderley, Miss B. Benson, Miss Seely, Miss M. Gowan, Mrs. A. E. Davis, Miss J. Grene, Mr. Monaghan, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Smyth, Miss Godfrey, Miss Quist, Miss Andrews, Miss Heisham, Miss Hillas, Mrs. French, Master T. McGovern, Miss Lilburn, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Burlington, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Aston, Mr. Taylor, Lady Walker, Mrs. Geldof, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Espinasse, Mrs. McCoy, Messrs. Cox, Miss E. M. West, Mrs. Loftus Bland, Miss Russell, Mr. Lloyd, Miss R. Adams, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Fannesley, Miss O'Neill; Mrs. Maunsell, hamper of toys; "Anonymous," periodicals; "Anonymous," 3 parcels of books and periodicals; Mrs. George Overend, 2 boxes children's garments; Master J. Bailey, 1½ lbs. pennies; Children's Service, All Saints' Church, Blackrock, toys, fruit and biscuits; "Irish Times," Ltd., 1 copy daily; "Irish Independent," 3 copies daily; Lord Rathdonnell, old linen.

The Prince of Wales saw a private exhibition of Charles Chaplin's latest film, "The Circus," at York House last night.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.'S SALES

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), AT 2 P.M.

EXECUTORS' SALE. W. H. WEST, DECD.

LOT 1.—£42 6s. 0d. PER ANNUM. A well-secured rent arising out of No. 20 William street. Held for 999 years from September, 1759, subject to £8 9s. 4d. per annum present currency, and sub-leased for 199 years from 1st November, 1768, at present currency, leaving an annual profit rent of £42 6s. 0d., subject to adjustment. No. 20 William street forms part of the Premises occupied by Messrs. McEnnery Bros. The rent is paid by Messrs. Pim Bros. and Co., and is quite secure.

LOT 2.—SEVENTEEN DEBENTURES OF £50 issued under Trust Deed, dated 15th November, 1815, in respect of money subscribed for erecting and maintaining the Premises formerly known as the City of Dublin Tavern, now known as Carlisle Buildings, Dublin, entitling the holder to receive Seventeen One Hundred and Eight and a-Half Shares of the net profit issuing thereout. The building is held by the Trustees under Fee-Farm Grant, subject to £68 5s. 11d. per annum, and sub-leased for ever at £423 17s. 0d per annum, leaving a net profit of £355 11s. 1d., the share of which for Sale, after allowing for cost of collection, averages £52 18s. 3d., less income tax.

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Sheraton Bow-front Sideboard, 2 Mahogany Rug Chests, on carved cabriole stands; small Mahogany Sideboard, carved in rope pattern; Set of 6 Ladder-back Chippendale Chairs; Grandfather Clock, in Sheraton mahogany case; Adam and Hepplewhite style Elbow and other Chairs, Inlaid Mahogany China Cabinets, Folding-top Mahogany Card Tables, Inlaid Mahogany Corner Cupboard, Brass-bound Plate Bucket, Ebony and Gilt Cabinet, Sunk-top Mahogany Oblong Table, 2 Antique Mirrors, in carved and gilt-wood frames; Antique Mahogany Sloping-front Bureau, Bordered Bohemian Carpet, Decorative China, Mahogany Knee-hole Dressing Tables and Wardrobes, and other Bedroom Furniture, Mezzotints and Coloured Prints, also a VAUXHALL 5-SEATER CAR.

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On View To-morrow Morning, 10 to 12 o'c. SALE 12 O'CLOCK. Terms—Cash and 5 per cent. Fees.

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The entire Household Furniture and Effects removed from 23 Lower Fitzwilliam street, the residence of the late Surgeon Doyle, comprising of Study, Drawingroom and Diningroom Furniture, and the Contents of 4 Bedrooms. The Furnishings comprise of some good examples of Old Mahogany and Walnut Furniture.

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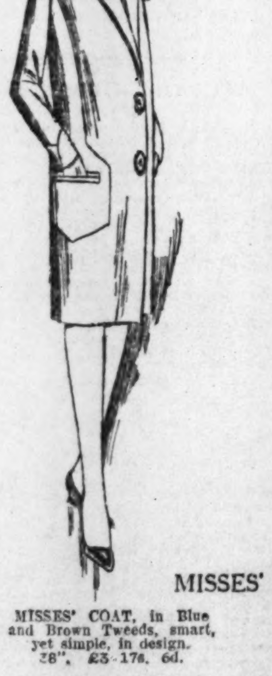

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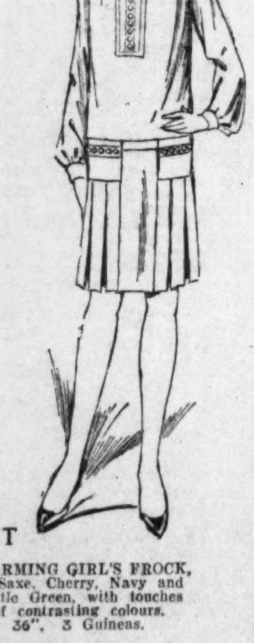

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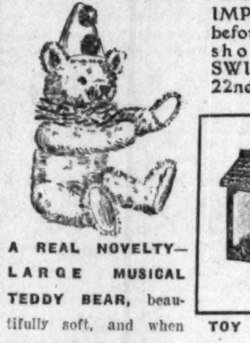

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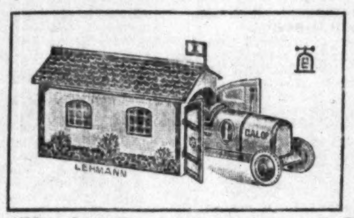

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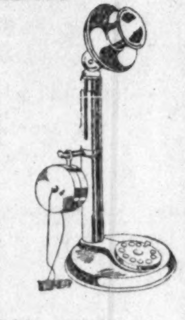

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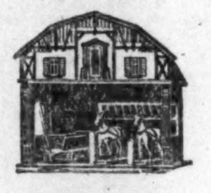

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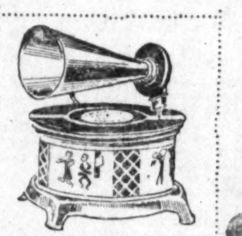

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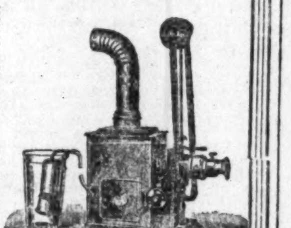

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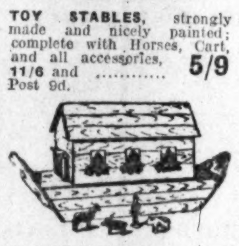

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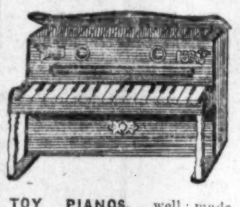

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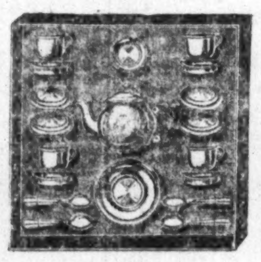

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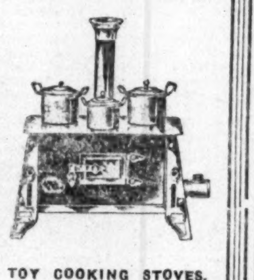

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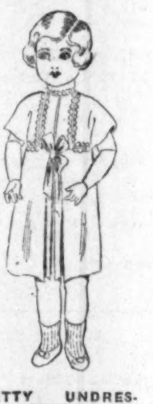

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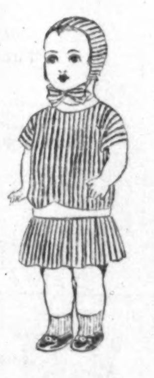

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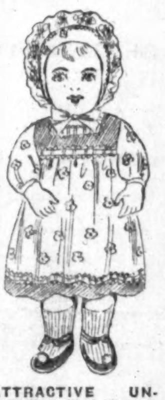

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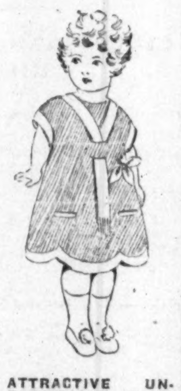

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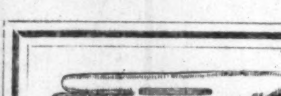

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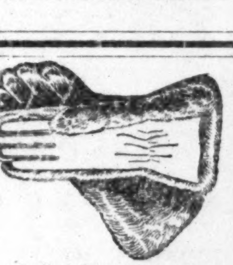

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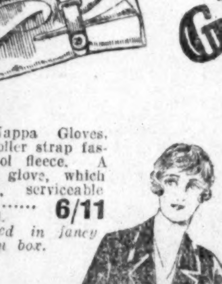

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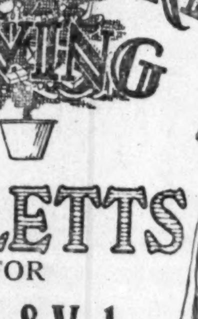

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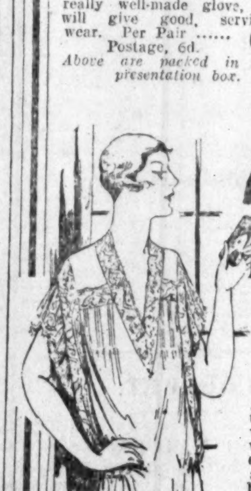

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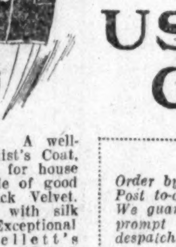

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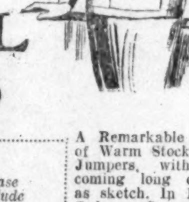

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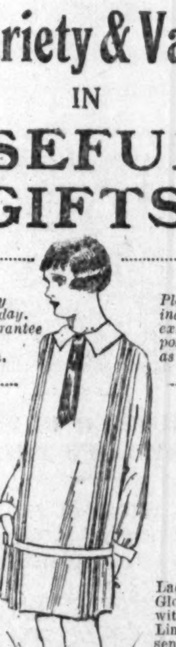

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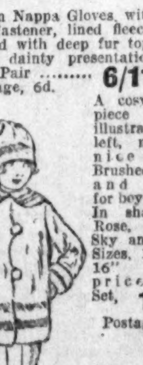

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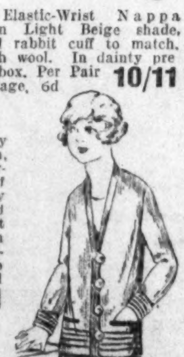

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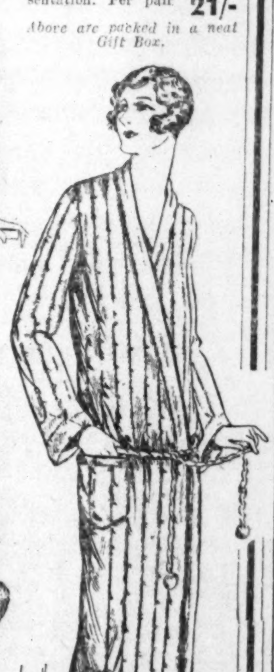

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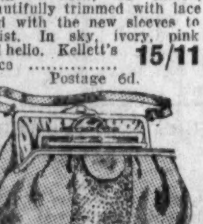

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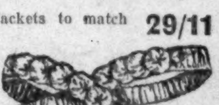

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